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Mint of the United States
Philad.a Feb 7th 1854.

Sir,

Your favor of the 31st ult., stating the number of dies of the year 1850 cancelled at your branch of the Mint, and also stating the number reserved for 1854 has been received. to gather with the enclosed Weekly Statement,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 31st ult in which you inform me of the dies of 1850 ~~which~~ cancelled at your branch, and stating the number of coining dies reserved for the year 1854.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 1st inst ~~with~~ the enclosures stated & also Package No 1 of Coins reserved for the annual assay with a list of its contents,

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia February [illegible]

Sir,

I [illegible] first [illegible] from the Secretary of the Treasury a letter [illegible] addressed to him by the Master & Refiner of the Mint [illegible] to [illegible], on relation to [illegible] and accounts connected with his department. The Secretary of the Treasury has requested me to give your views on the subject prior to presenting my [illegible] to the Department.

I enclose a copy of Mr. Field's letter to the Secretary, and will thank you to report to me, upon the matters therein referred to, at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully

James Ross Snowden
Director.

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Supt.
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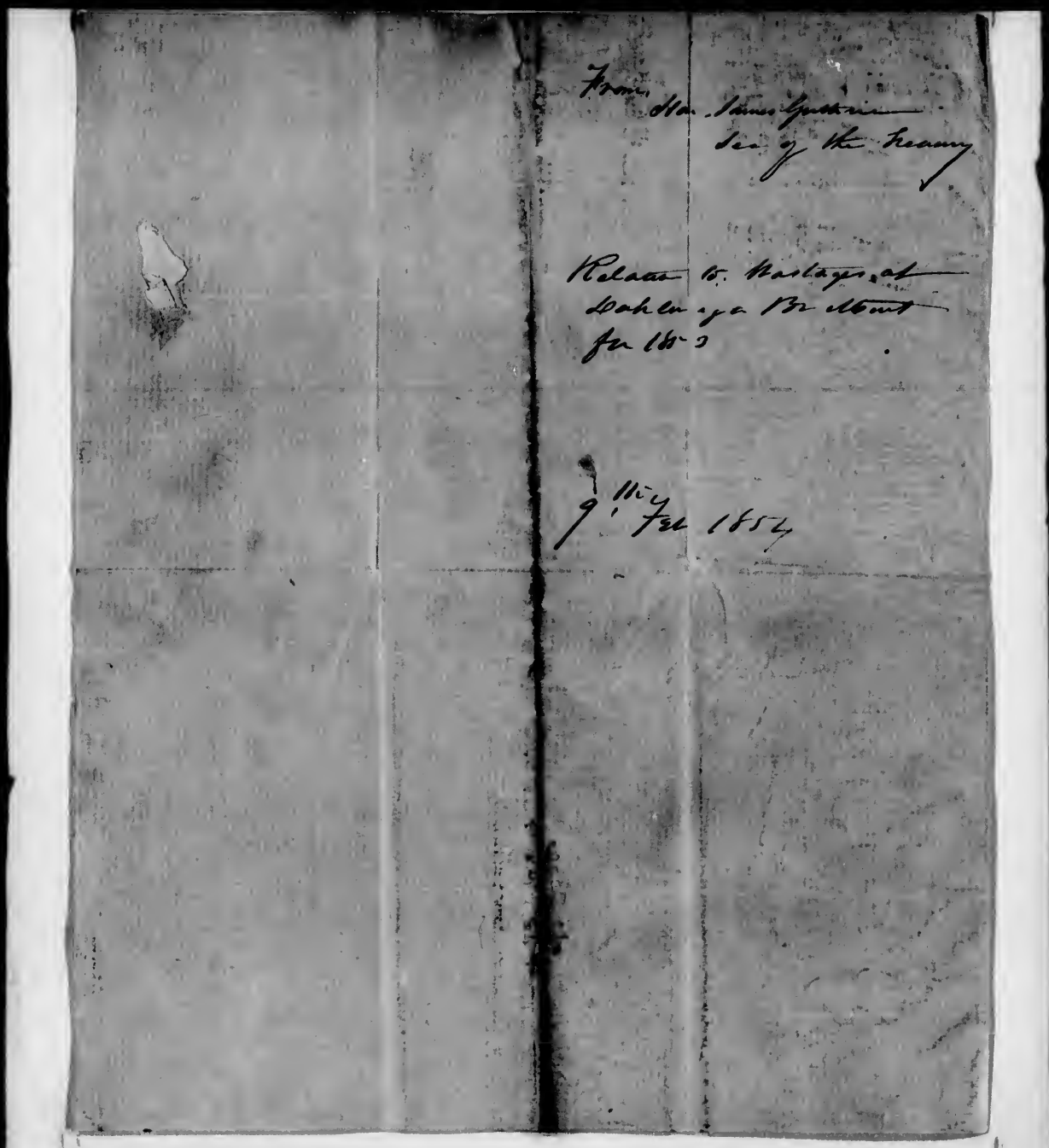

From
Hon. James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury

Relative to Mortgages at
Dahlonega Br Mont
for 1853

9th Feb 1854

Treasury Department
Feb: 8. 1854.

Sir

Your communication, dated the 2nd instant in relation to the claim of the Melter and refiner of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega for Wastage for 1853 in the settlement of his account of silver was duly received.

I will thank you, as suggested in your letter, to get the Superintendent's views on the subject and after you shall have received me to present your own to the Department.

I am very Resp.
[illegible]
Sec of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila.

P.S. The Superintendents statement sent by you is herewith returned.

To J. McPatten Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga

Acknowledging Receipt
of Assay Coins, Materials
&c.

Feb 8th 1854

M. M. S

Philada. Feb. 8th 1854

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 1st inst. with the enclosures stated, and also of Package No 1 of coins received for the annual assay, with a list of its contents,

I am very respectfully

J. R. S

Director

J. B. Patton Esq

Supt. Br. Mint

Dahlonega

From J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
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Transmitting Statements
& in relation to accounts
of the Mint.

18th Feb. 1854

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 10th Feb. 1854

Sir —

Yours of the 1st Instant has been received — and inclosed you will please find Statement of Silver parted from Gold deposits from 1848 to 1853 inclusive as requested.

The amount, $362.19, paid to Depositors for silver, was credited to Gold coinage, because the payments were made in Gold coins & thereby Gold Coinage was reduced that amount — & debited to Silver Bullion, because the Silver contained in these deposits, increased the stock of Silver Bullion on hand; but the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury has required me to charge this amount to Gold coinage & credit Silver Bullion. This arrangement will make both these a/s wrong. — I have addressed the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject, but have not yet had any answer.

The credit to "Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss" on the 31st Decr. 1853 for the one half of one per cent for coinage from 1st April last to that time was $1792.42/100.

Very Respectfully Yr obt Servt,
J. M. Patton
Supt

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director &c

From,
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. B. Mint
Dahlonega Ga
14th

Statement of Amt. of
Deductions &c

20th Feb, 1854

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 14th Feb. 1854

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint -

Sir -

Your letter of the 6th inst. was received yesterday - I had last week, according to a request contained in your letter of the 1st inst, forwarded you a statement of the amount of Silver parted from Gold deposited, both for the Mint & for depositors, from 1st January 1848 to 1st January 1854 - but that request did not extend to the deductions made on the same time, & now I give you a statement of the amount of these -

	Deductions for Copper &c -	Gains in Assay fractions -	Total
1848	$76.16	84	$77.00
1849	78.75	1.10	79.85
1850	55.37	92	56.29
1851	36.72	97	37.69
1852	40.36	1.10	41.46
1853	18.72	90	19.62
	$306.08	$5.83	$311.91

The deductions for the one half of one percent for Coinage, from 1st Jan. to 31st December 1853

were $1792 $\frac{43}{100}$.

The amount standing to the credit of "Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss" on the 31st Decr. 1853 was $2899.87 — being composed of the Coinage charges $1792.43 & $1107.44 & the value of Silver parted from 1st July 1853 to 31st Decr. less the alloy used in 4th Qr. 1853 — which amount was credited to this ax under the instructions of your letter of 27th Oct. 1853 — but when the amount for Silver parted is taken out of this ax, as directed by your late letter on this subject, the amount to the credit of this ax will be $1792.43.

The Balance standing to the credit of Profit & Loss ax on 31st Decr. 1853 — was $1,418.72 but if we add the amount of Silver parted from 1st July to 31st Decr. 1853 $1107.44 the balance would be $2526 $\frac{16}{100}$.

In the printed Form of abstract sent out by you in December, the only charges on the deposit are for parting & Coinage — & that was intended to be a full history of the deposit — & hence I infer that the charges heretofore made for Copper alloy &c are not to be made now.

You will please pay Messrs N. Sennig & Co. their bills against this Branch — also settle the bills for the Gold Register & the other articles sent out by you, & send me

proper vouchers for my settlement with the Treasury Department.

The first bill of Messrs N. Lennig & co — unsettled was upon an order in November

Yesterday in breaking down Ingots, we broke one of our rolls — we have another pair with which we can get along until we can get another set, — which you will please order for us at once.

John D. Field Jr. Esqr, Coiner has furnished me the inclosed drawing — which, he says, represents the exact size of the Rolls after being chilled, ground down & finished.

One Roll would answer the purpose, but we had better have a pair if new ones & then in case of accident, we will have an extra to fall on.

I. P. Morris Esqr, furnished the last Rolls & may have the moulds in which they were cast.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt

J. M. Patton
Supt.

To.

J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega

Annual Assay

15th Feb. 1854

Mint of the United States
Philad^a Feb 15, 1854.

Sir

The trial made by the Assay commissioners on the 13th inst of the reserved coins of your branch for the year 1853 resulted as follows, viz:

The registered value of gold coins was	$1014
Legal weight thereof	of 54.502
Actual weight of the same	" 54.506
above legal standard	M.0.4

The fineness of the same coins was 899.7 thousandths, being M.0.3 below the legal standard, but within the limits of difference allowed by law, the trial was adjudged satisfactory.

Very Respectfully

Director

J. H. Patton Esq
Supt. B. Mint
Dahlonyn,

From. J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega Ga,

Relating to Mr Fields
Wastage accounts,

Feb, 23d 1852,

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega Ga. 16th Febry. 1854

Sir —

Your letter of the 9th inst., enclosing a copy of a letter addressed by John D. Fitch Jr. Esqr. Melter & Refiner at this Branch, to the Secretary of the Treasury, was received by the mail of yesterday.

At the close of last year, after the Melter & Refiner had returned all the Silver Bullion in his possession, there was a balance charged against him of $302.79 — the legal allowance for wastage on the Bullion delivered to him during the year was $65.31 — leaving the deficit $237.48¢ I suggested to him the propriety of making application for a special allowance for wastage, as he believed it was impossible that the limit allowed by law for wastage could be made to cover the actual waste, or loss, of Silver when used as a material in refining Gold to the extent now required.

Previous to 1851, the receipts being chiefly Georgia and Carolina Gold, which contains much less Silver than the California gold, there was but little refining done, especially as the alloy was then composed of 1/4 to 1/2 of Silver — but as soon as the influx of California Gold made more frequent refining necessary, the losses in Silver began to occur; for instance in 1853, the deficit in the Melter & Refiners Silver of

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was $128.36¢ + in 1852 it was $291.17.

These amounts exceeds considerably the legal allowance for wastage, (as much as the deficits of 1853 did,) but my predecessor credited the Melter & Refiner, and charged these amounts as a necessary loss to Profit & Loss ac.

I did not feel authorized, at the close of last year, to credit the M. & R. with any more than the legal allowance upon the amount of Bullion delivered during the year.

I have at all times urged upon the workmen the necessity for using the utmost care to prevent loss, and I believe that they have exercised as much care and caution as could be required. Accidents will occasionally occur, by the breaking of a bottle, by which loss is sustained.

The preparations and conveniences in the refining room are not so perfect and complete, as Mr. Field says, as they are at the Philadelphia Mint — and, in my opinion, it is hardly reasonable to suppose that they should be.

From what I can learn of its former condition, it is as well provided for work now as it has ever been, if not better. We have as many large tubs as I see any use for in the operation of refining such quantities of metal as we have to work with — & such other vessels, as are needed. It is true that the metal has to be removed from one tub to another by dipping — but when sufficient care is used, I see no necessity for much waste in this operation, especially when the quantity

of Metal is small.

As to the necessity for a new Mill for reducing the pots & crucibles, I cannot agree with Mr. Field upon the last grinding. I think, the sand, as sample, was as fine as the samples forwarded to you sometime since. I am not apprised what the cost of such a Mill as he wants, (like the one in use at Philadelphia) would be, but suppose, from his description of it, that the cost of putting up such an one here would be considerable & much more than would be justified by the anticipated saving in that way even admitting that the Mill in use here, were as imperfect as he thinks. The one we have is the Bagaden Patent, by which the pieces are crushed with cast plates.

As to the mode of assaying — there has never been any other process than that by capellation used at this Branch, and it is impossible, I suppose, that the assay of Silver can be made in this way as correctly as by the humid process.

I believe I have noticed every point that it occurs to me is material.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr,
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

To. J. McPatten Esq
Supt. Br. Mints
Dahlonega
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Asking for Statements
of expenditures, 1848.
& 1853.

18th Feb. 1854

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Mint of the United States
Philad^a February 18th 1854

Sir

I am preparing a tabular statement shewing the net expenses for each year from 1828 to 1853, inclusive, of the Mint & its Branches. In addition to the information you have already given me relating to this matter, I need the following items to complete my tabular statement, which I will thank you to furnish me at your earliest opportunity.

1. Deductions on deposits for each year credited to the ap of Profit & Loss.

2. Amount of gain or loss on sale of sweeps. In stating this, give the gross value of the sweeps and the net value realised for them each year.

3. Any other gains or losses during the period named.

Very respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director.

F. M. Patton Esq.
Bk. Mint Cal. Omega.

To J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
Lahlonega

Acknowledging the
receipt of letter of 10th inst

18th Feb. 1854

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, February 18th 1854.

Sir,

I have received yours of the 10th inst. with its enclosure.

In reference to the amount paid to depositors for silver parted from gold, you remark, that "the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury has required you to charge this amount to Gold Coinage & credit Silver Bullion, this arrangement will make both these accounts wrong, and that you have addressed the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject."

By reference to the Act of 18 Jan. 1837, you will perceive that it gives, to the Director of the Mint, the general regulation and supervision of the Business of the several Branches: your communicating on the above named subject, should therefore have been directed to myself, without troubling the Secretary with it.

The entry charging Silver Bullion and crediting Gold Coinage, under the circumstances named in your letter, corresponds with that made here in similar cases. I should have [illegible]

pleased, when you rec.d from the Comptroller the letter referred to, had you forwarded me a copy of it, and I trust, hereafter, that this direction will be given to all similar communications.

Very respectfully

James Rob.t Snowden
Director.

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt
Br. Mint. Charlotte
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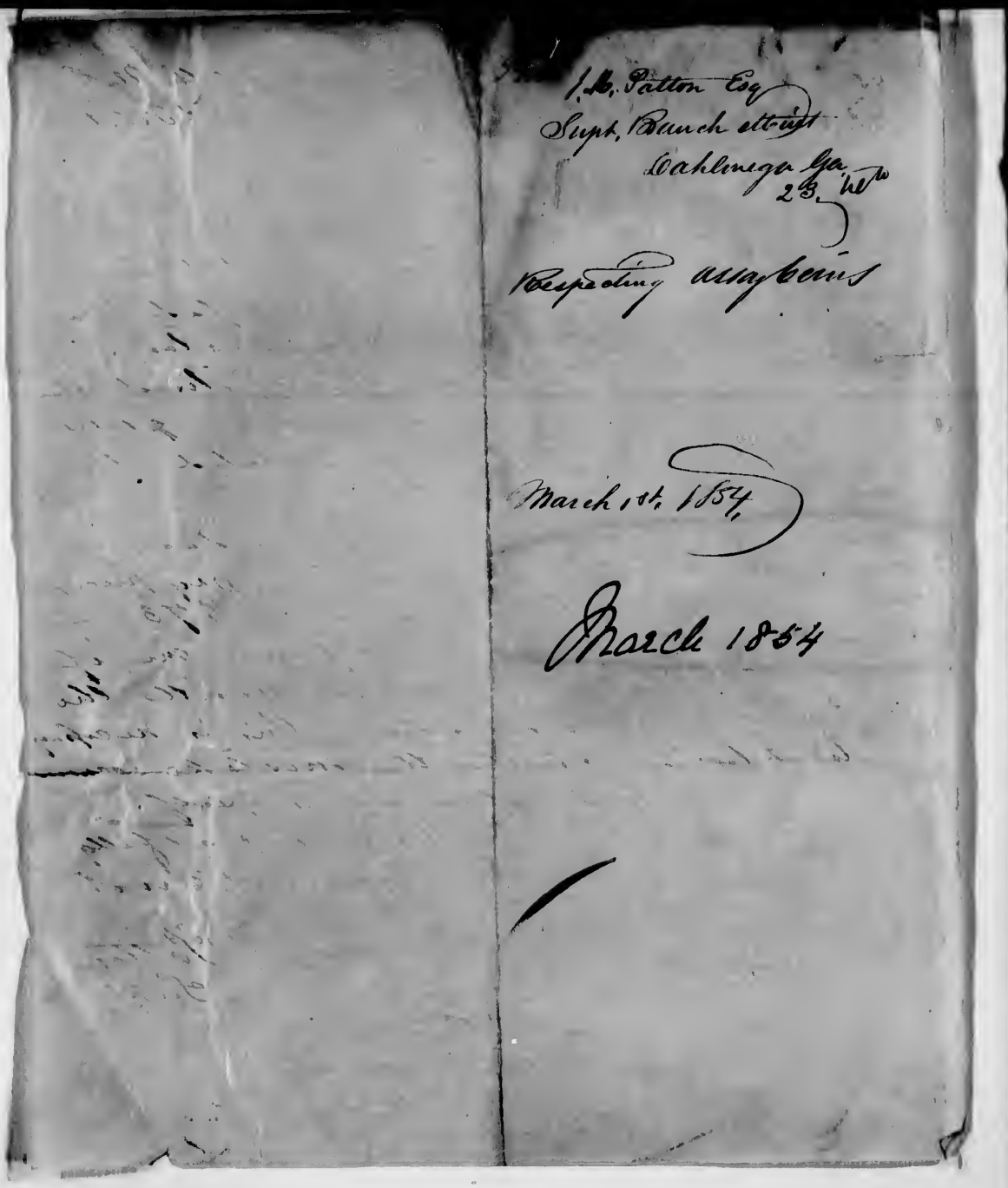

J. H. Patton Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga.
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Respecting assay bins

March 1st. 1854.

March 1854

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 23rd Feb. 1854

Sir—

Your letter of the 15th last. was received yesterday. I am glad that the annual assay trial was satisfactory.—

You state that the registered value of the coins was —— $1014
The statement I forwarded stated the value to be $1029.
On the 1st July last, my predecessor reported the value of the assay pieces up to that time to be $573 ——

You will please inform me if you noticed, in what month the mistake was made — this is necessary to determine whether the mistake occurs with my predecessor or myself.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt

J. W. Patton
Supt.

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

To, J. M. Patton Esq
Supt, Br Mint
Dahlonega Ga,

Respecting Mr Trilas
Wastage account,

Feb, 23d 1854,

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, February 23d 1854.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 16th in reply to mine of the 9th instant respecting the allowance for Silver wastage for 1853 claimed by your Melter & Refiner.

It is the practice at this Mint to credit the Melter & Refiner for sweeps delivered by him to the Treasurer at their full value as ascertained from the Assayer's report thereupon. I infer from a remark in Mr. Fields letter on this subject, that he has not been thus credited. You do not notice this point in your Communication. I think it important to [illegible] his account with the value of the Sweeps delivered by him to the Treasurer before determining the balance against his account. Please state what this amounts to.

For the purpose of having a complete view of the entire operations of the Melter & Refiner affecting the question of a proper allowance for wastage I will thank you to have made out & forwarded to me his gold & silver Acs for the year 1853, embracing also his accounts as Coiner. In the meanwhile, I shall have this matter under consideration with a view to rendering my decision as soon as I hear from you

Very respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

J. M. Pulton, Esq. Supt. &c.
Mint, Chicago.

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J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega
Ga,

Respecting. Assay Coins.

March 1st 1854

Mint of the United States
Philad.a March 1st 1854.

Sir,

I am in the receipt of your letter of the 23d ult.o. Coins of your Mint of the value of $15.– were found after the Assay Commissioners had examined and reported the value of your reserved coins, which brings the amount of the same to $1037.–, which, agreeing with their registered value, was passed to your credit.

I am very Respectfully

Director

J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
Dahlonega
Ga.

Mint of the United States
Philad.a March 1st 1864.

Sir,

I am in the receipt of your letter of the 23d ult. Coins of your Mint of the value of $15 were found after the Assay Commissioners had examined and reported the value of your reserved coins; which brings the amount of the same to $1.125 and which, agreeing with their registered value, was passed to your credit.

I am very Respectfully,

James Ross Snowden
Director

J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga.

From J. M. Patton Esq
Supt U.S. Mint
Dahlonega
Geo

Transmitting Monthly Statement
& assay Coins for February.

March 9th 1854.

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega Ga. 1st March 1854

Sir,-

I have the honor to enclose my report of the receipts & coinage at this Branch for the month of February just closed - & to forward package No. 2 of Coins reserved for the annual assay, with a statement of its contents.

Your letters of the 18th 25th & 28th ult. of February, were not received until to-day - I will answer by next mail, so soon as the statements you ask for can be made up.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

R. M. Patton
Supt.

To

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

From J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. B. Mint
Dahlonega

Transmitting
Statement &c

11th March 1854.

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega 4th March 1854

Sir—

Enclosed please find statements & ass requested by your letter received by last mail.

On the Books of this Office, there does not appear ever to have been any credit entered in favor of the Melter & Refiner for the value of the sweeps returned by him—and no credit was given that officer last year on this ass.

His sweep was thrown on the pile in the cellar, which has been accumulating for years, and it is impossible now to tell precisely what amount he is entitled to for last year.

Our assayer has been testing the value of the sweep, after having all the sand well mixed—and I hoped to be able to state the result of his assay in this letter, but he lost the metal yesterday in his operations, and I shall have to await another trial. Think I shall be able to forward to you by next mail.

I have delayed forwarding the vouchers as directed an account of the dreadful condition of the Roads in this section for the last two months & the difficulty of getting barrels of the proper kind.

The reason I did not address you in reference to the order of the 1st Comptroller was that I conceived that the entries had been made strictly in accordance with your instructions of last January subsequent to the request of the 1st Auditor of the Treasury. & I thought it proper to state this to the Secretary of the Treasury in order to explain why I did not comply with the order of the Comptroller.

I enclose that portion of the Comptrollers letter bearing upon this point.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

J. M. Pattison
Supt.

To
James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

From,

J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Bd Mint
Dahlonega

Respecting Sweeps.

14th March 1854,

Man, for Gold tenten, 86 ft. ter Cr.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supt.

J. Dann Hoff Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 7th March 1854

Sir—

Our sweeps, upon measurement, amount to 98 Bushels of 82 lbs each.

This is the accumulations of 8 years—and as it has never been customary at this Branch to credit the M, & R, with the value of his sweeps—it is impossible to say precisely what amount he is entitled to for the last year as his sweep was mixed with what was on hand—but as there was not much refining previous to 1850, I think his sweep for last year might be put down at 20 Bushels.

The first assay made by our assayer showed the value to be 22f per lb of gold—but as he lost the silver, he made another trial and the result was, silver & gold, 14f per lb.

The Melter & Refiner is not satisfied with these tests—and if an opportunity offers I will forward you a sample of the sweep from which these tests were made.

We had the sand all well mixed & took a small quantity from every ten bushels as it was being measured & then stirred up the sand thus collected, & had the tests made.

The samples forwarded to you sometime since were taken from the top of the piles in the cellar, and the average value of them

Mar, for Gold & silver, 36¢ per lb.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supt.

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

14th March 1854

From,
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Bullion
Oakland Ca
Respecting Sluices.

To Supt. Dahlonega

Acknowledge Receipt
of February Assay Coin
& Bullion Report.

2 March 1854.

Mint of the United States
Philad.a March 9. 1[illegible]

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the [illegible] with the enclosures stated and [illegible] of [illegible] No. 2 of [illegible] reserved for the [illegible] Assay.

I am very respectfully

Director.

J. M. [illegible] Esq.
Supt. [illegible] Mint
[illegible]

To the Sec, of the Treasury
Washington

Respecting allowance for
Wastage to Mr Field M&R
of the Cahlonega Br Mint
& Enclosing Mr Fields letter.

15. March. 1854.

Mint of the United States
Philad.a March 18.th 1854.

Sir,

I enclose a bill of Isaiah Bird for implements furnished the Assay Office at New York to the amount of $4950, which I have ~~certified~~ to be correct.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your obedient Servt.

Director.

Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, March 15th 1854.

Sir,

I have received from the Superdt of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega a statement respecting the claim of the Melter & Refiner for wastage for 1853 in the settlement of his account of silver. From this statement it appears, that it has not been the practice at this Branch to credit the Melter & Refiner for the sweeps delivered by him to the Treasurer. Mr. Patton estimates, that about 1640 lbs of sweeps were thus delivered, for the year 1853 which at 14½ cents per lb would yield $237.80. From the information furnished to me, I am perfectly satisfied that the Melter & Refiner should be credited in the settlement of his account of silver for 1853, with the amount of sweeps as above stated, which is sufficient to balance his age and I have accordingly directed the Superintendent to allow said credit.

I herewith send you Mr. Fields letter, enclosed in yours of the 18th which you therein requested me to return to the Department.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington

To J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Br Mint
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Respecting Allowance
to Mr Heild for trustage
& relative to Sheeps,

15 March. 1854,

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Mar 1 15th 1854

Sir,

Your letters of the 4th & 7th inst. accompanying certain statements & accounts respecting the claim of your Melter & Refiner for wastage for 1853 in the settlement of his account of Silver were duly received.

From your statement it appears that the M&R. delivered to the Treasurer, for the year 1853, about 1644 lbs. of sweeps, which at 14 cts pr. lb. would yield $ 229.60, a sum almost sufficient to balance his account. Under these circumstances, I have to request that you will allow him credit for the amount required to balance his a/c for 1853, viz. $ 237.48: which may very properly be done by crediting him for 1696 lbs. @ 14¢ pr. lb.

Whenever you can with a due regard for economy forward the sweeps to this Mint, I will thank you to send the entire amount on hand by the best opportunity & forward me a bill of lading therefor.

Very respectfully,

James Ross Snowden
Director

J. M. Patton Esq.
Pr. Mint Supt.
[illegible] Philadelphia

To Sept. Dahlonega
Ga Mint

Respecting mode of
keeping accounts

16th March. 1854

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
March 16th 1854

Sir:

The Treasurer of the Dahlonega Branch Mint, has, in his a/c for the 4th Qr 1853, Transferred from Profit & Loss a/c, to Bullion profit & Loss a/c, the value of Silver parted from gold deposits for the Mint, during the 3d & 4th Quarters '53. He states that the Transfer is in pursuance of your instructions, in which I think he has misapprehended your intention. Please inform me respecting this; and I will thank you for an Explanation of the transfer of Silver Bullion from that Branch Mint to Philadelphia. The Treasurer has charged to Gold Coinage a/c the value of 1993.527 ounces 56d weight $2319.74 and also $119.49/100 being a gain in the value of Said Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

T. L. Smith
Auditor

To
James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From. T. L. Smith
Auditor of the Treasury
Washington City

Respecting. Dahlonega Branch Mint accounts relative to silver parted from gold deposits for the Mint,

18th March. 1857.

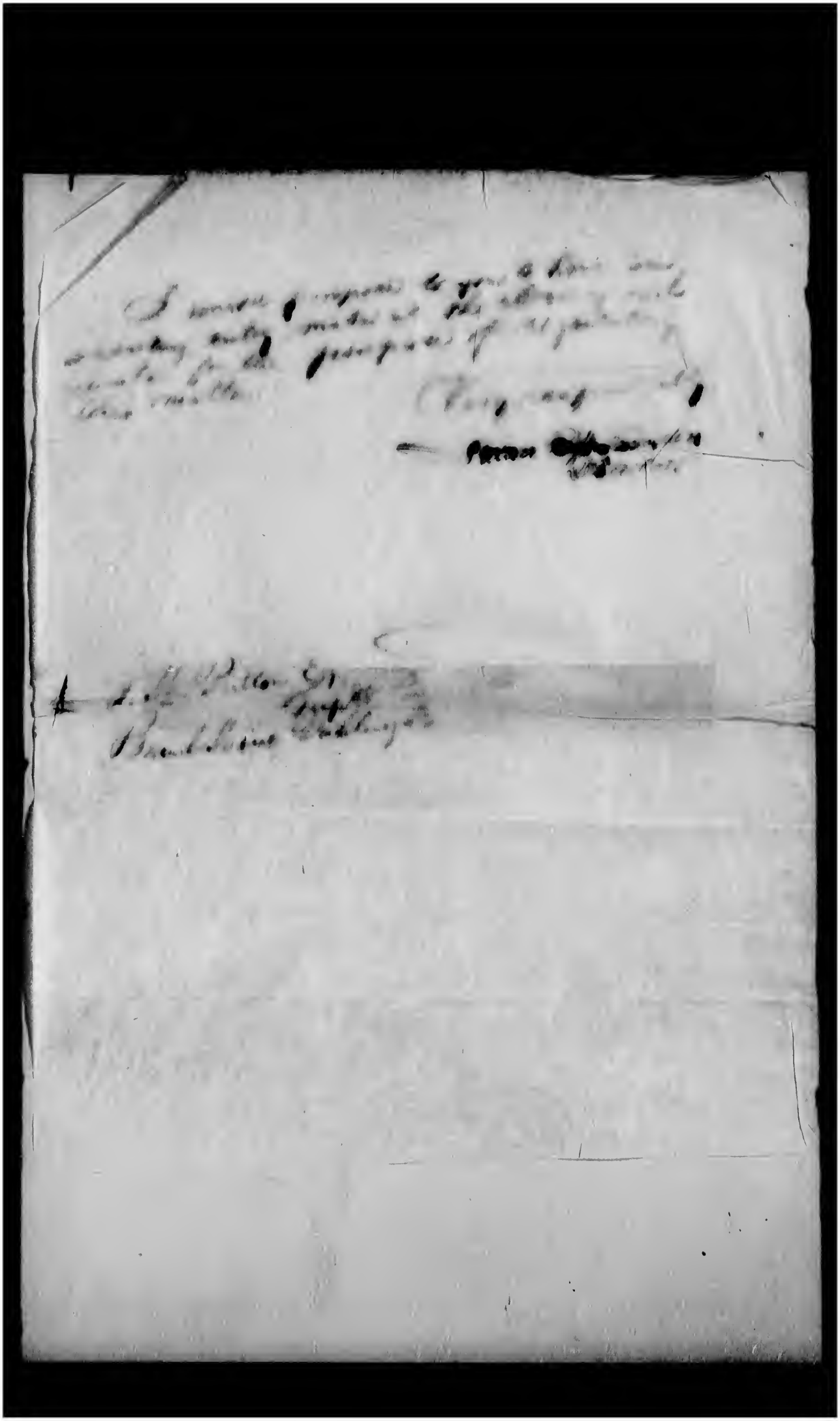
Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia March 6th 1854.

Sir,

The extract from the letter of the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury, which you sent to me, explains the variations noticed by him, in your Silver Deposit Account.

The difference between your account and this statement, amounting to $362.22, seems to have been caused by payments for Silver parted from gold deposits, having been made out of balances of gold coinage, instead of being credited to Silver [illegible]

[illegible] this Mint, in consequence of a single warrant issued for the payment of the net value of a gold deposit even when Silver has been reported as parted from the gold, for the benefit of the depositor. This mode of accounting is rendered necessary by the issue of only one warrant as just stated: but at the close of the quarter, the Book[illegible] before closing his accounts, ascertains the actual condition of the gold & silver coins in the Mint as for by Count, and compares it with the condition of those coins as appears from the books, and adjusts the two, by an adjusting entry, so as to produce a correspondence between the books and the actual Count of the Moneys.



To. T. L. Smith Esq
Auditor of the Treasury
Washington City

Respecting my instructions
to the Supt. of the Dahlonega
Br. Mint, relative to the
Silver parted from Gold deposits
for the Mint,

18th March. 1854,

The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

MORSE LINE,

BETWEEN

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington,

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Dated Washington Mar 15 1854

Rec'd, Philadelphia, 18 1854 | o'clock, 5 min. P M.

J. J. R Snowden

Director of Mint

Draft to pay Mr Curtis will be sent to you by this days mail.

James Guthrie
Treasury

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ans

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, March 18th 1854.

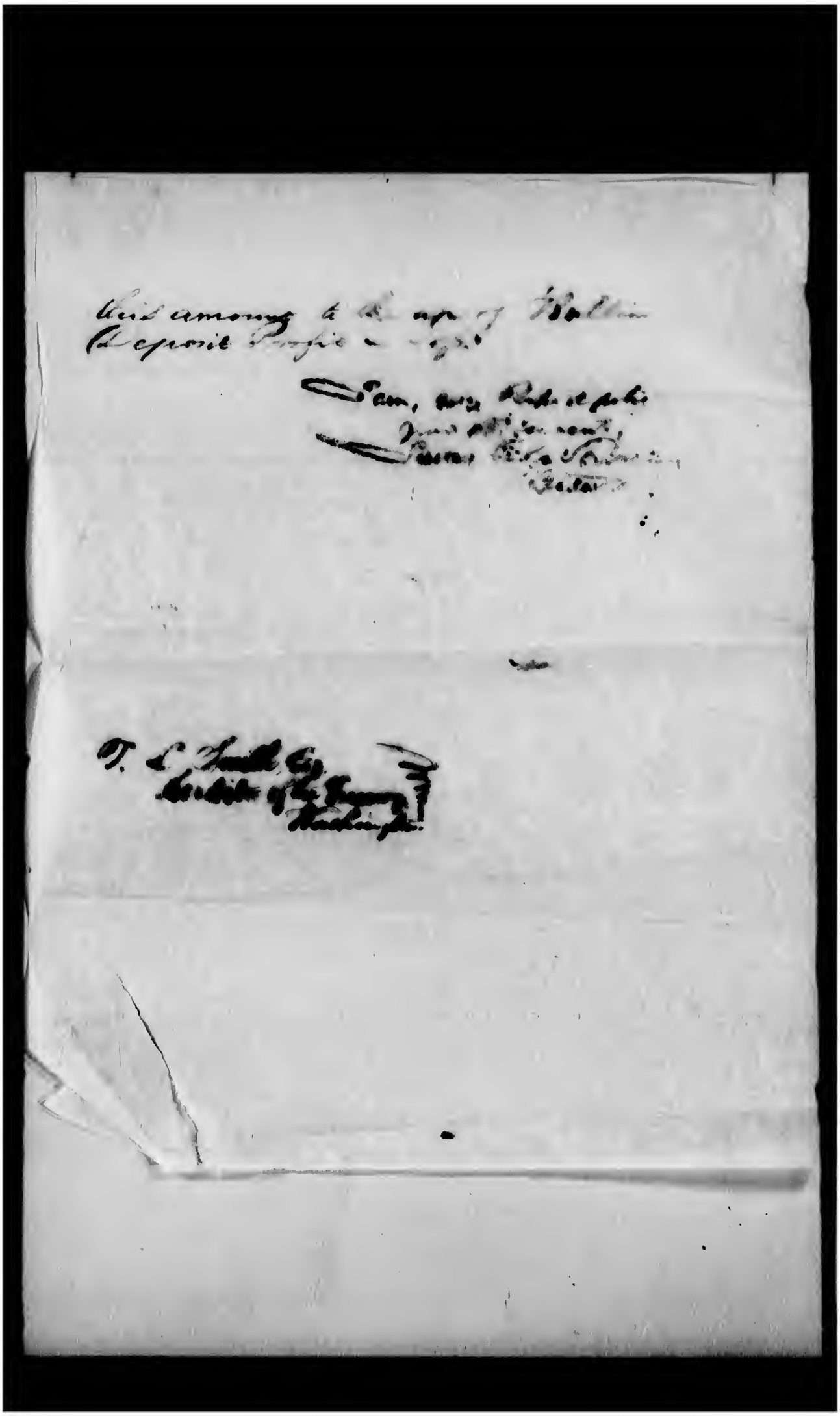
Sir,

Yours of the 16th inst. has been received.

In reply to your query respecting the instructions issued by me to the Supt. of the Bullion at Dahlonega as to the mode of accounting for the Silver parted from gold deposits for the Mint, I have to state, that on the 18th January I wrote to him as follows: "I have upon further consideration of the Act of 18th Feb. 53 in relation to profits, concluded to regard the Silver parted for the benefit of the Mint and not for the depositor as belonging to the Mint for the payment of the ordinary expenditures, inasmuch as the expenses incurred in recovering said Silver amount to nearly the entire sum thus recovered. You will, therefore, credit Profit & Loss with the Silver parted for the benefit of the Mint, and not Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss so that you may transfer the amount to the Ordinary Account from time to time."

I presume that the Treasurer's account for the 4th quarter 1853 were prepared & forwarded to you, before the receipt of my instructions of the 18th January and that in this case for the 1st quarter 1854, he will restore to the credit of Profit & Loss the amount taken out for Silver parted for the benefit of the Mint and placed to the credit of Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss.

In relation to the transfer of silver bullion from the Dahlonega branch mint to Philadelphia I would remark that, upon receiving from the Sec. of the Treasury a letter enclosing the letters of the 1st Auditor & the Comptroller dated 28th October & 4th Nov. 1853 which he referred to me for an answer, I wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury explaining the custom heretofore observed with reference to the transfer of surplus silver from the branch mints to Philadelphia, and received his reply dated Nov. 8th, authorising the transfer to be made. I accordingly directed the Supt. at Dahlonega to send his surplus silver to the Mint. Our assays of the bars rec.d from him made the weight of stand. ze 2015.90, which at 121 cents per ounce yielded $2439.23, which amount less $400 returned to the Treasurer by the hands of Mr. Field the Melter & Refiner has been credited in ace with the Supt. for the payment of expenses here on ace of the branch mint at Dahlonega. ~~The~~ ~~[illegible]~~ The assays here, shew the intrinsic value of the silver to be 22.873 ounces equal $26.03 more than stated by the Dahlonega mint & therefore the Melter & Refiner's ace of silver should be credited therewith, leaving $93 [illegible] to be credited to the treasury of the United States as profits on silver. As there is no Silver Purchase Profit & Loss ace at this branch, it will be necessary to credit



To Supt - Dahlonga

Respecting Scales & Weights
sent this day.

29. March. 1854.

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. March 29. 1852.

Sir

The Balance & Weights manufactured under my direction for your Branch by Mr Freemner of this City, was sent to you to-day consigned to Chambers, Jeffers & Co., Charleston S. Carolina. The cost of the same was $475, which I have paid to Mr Freemner.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Director.

J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
Dahlonega.
Ga.

From, Supt. Dahlonega,

Transmitting Monthly Report for March Expenditures of 1st Dr. 1854,

Enquiries what is to be done in case of Mint receipt being lost,

15th April

April 1854

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 5th April 1854

Sir,

I have the honor to forward my report of the operations of this Branch for the month of March — also to forward the coins reserved for the annual assay during the same time with a statement of the contents of the package.

You will also find enclosed a report to the Secretary of the Treasury of the Expenditures of this Branch for 1st Quarter 1854.

I have receives your letters of the 15th 16th & 29th March. The credit has been entered to the Melter & Refiners Silver as directed. The scraps will be forwarded now in a short time.

You will please have your Clerk to forward me the receipts for the payments you have made for me. That I may include them in my Offs in settlement with the Treasury Department.

You will also please to urge the Manufacturer to let us have the Rolls ordered as soon as possible as the pair here operates badly — they had better

be forwarded by Express when ready.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

A. M. Pattison
Capt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 7th April 1854

Sir,—

When a Depositor reports that he has lost the Treasurer's receipt for the Bullion deposited for coinage, shall I require him to do anything more than to file an affidavit that the receipt is lost or mislaid, without being assigned by him, before I give him a duplicate receipt, or pay him the value of his deposit?

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supt. & Treas.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Procure a few bonds
for lost receipts & ~~[illegible]~~.

To. T. L. Smith Esq
1st Auditor
Treasury

Respecting disposition of the proceeds of Silver Bullion sent from Dahlonega & Enclosing copies & extracts of letters of instructions to the Supt. of the Several Br. Mints.

13th. April 1854.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, April 13th 1864

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 8th inst in which you ask for my views in relation to the manner of the disposing of the net proceeds of Silver bullion sent to Philadelphia from the Dahlonega Branch Mint and about to be sent from the Charlotte Branch.

On the 4th Nov. 1853, the Comptroller of the Treasury recommended, in his letter to me, that the excess of Silver bullion at the Dahlonega and Charlotte Mints be sent to Philad.a and paid for in Silver coins to enable said Mints to pay deposits in the same coin.

On the 8th of the same month writing in the Secretary of the Treasury, upon this subject, I employed the following language. I am about to make regulations by wh. the Silver parted for the benefit of deposits shall hereafter be paid in gold coin, paying them at the rate of 120 cent per ounce, our price for Silver. In order that avoid the necessity of returning the Silver coins to these mints and the proceeds of Silver bullion they send may be prepared to

the [illegible] of the Branch Mint here [illegible] as a fund to supply them with materials &c.

No objection having been stated to this course, I have accordingly placed the [illegible] proceeds of the silver bullion received from Dahlonega since that time, to the credit of the Superintendent of that Branch in my [illegible] with him excepting $400 returned to him in silver coins, by the hands of Mr. Field, the Melter & Refiner, who brought the silver bullion from Dahlonega.

Now as the amount standing to the [illegible] of Profit & loss on the books of the Dahlonega Branch exceeds the balance of proceeds ($203 [illegible]) of silver bullion sent from that mint to Phila. for coinage, I would propose that this sum considered as part of the ordinary funds of Treasurer of the Dahlonega Mint, to be dis[illegible] by me in the purchase of materials &c. on account, or subject to the Superintendent [illegible] if he should need any portion of it [illegible] to him. As respects the Treasurer's [illegible] &c., if any part of the said silver [illegible] to that &c., he can satisfy its claims of the ordinary funds in his hands, the

the expenditures being under the direct as heretofore, of the Director and the Superintendents.

I am, very Respectfully
Jno. McKenna
James Ross Snowden
Director

T. L. Smith Esq.
1st Auditor of the Treasury
Washington

To,
The Sec. of the Treasury

2 Letters.

Enclosing Statement of Expenditures of transit Mint Coinage & Operations of that Mint for March 1854

13th April 1854

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a April 15, 1854.

Sir:

In accordance with the act of 4th March 1853, c 97. I herewith present a quarterly statement of the expenditures of the branch at Dahlonega, Ga. for the 1st quarter

Mint of the United States
Philad.a April 15. 1854

Sir:

The enclosed statement exhibits the operations of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega during the month of March 1854.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect
your faithful servant

Snowden

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Mint of the United States
Philad.a April 15. 1854

Sir,

In accordance with the act of 4th March 1853, 637, I herewith present a quarterly statement of the expenditures of the branch Mint at Dahlonega Geo, for the 1st quarter 1854.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect
Your faithful servant.

Snowden.

Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Statement of Deposits & Coinage.

At the Branch Mint Dahlonega during the month of March 1858.

Gold Bullion Deposited.

From California	$	407.67
" North Carolina		2,182.01
" Georgia		735.97
Total Gold deposited	$	15,325.68

Coinage Executed.

Gold

Half Eagles	2,585	Value	$12,925.00

To. Supt. ~~[illegible]~~
Dahlonega,

Ack.d receipt of Assay Coins & Monthly Statement March 1854, & Statement of Expenditures, 1st Qr 1854,

Enclose form of "Bond of Indemnity" & state that a Statement of A/c will be transmitted in a few days.

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a April 15: 1854.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 5th and 7th inst with the enclosures stated; also of package No 3 of coins reserved at your branch for the Annual assay.

I enclose a form of "Bond of Indemnity" which must be executed when a mint receipt is lost.

A statement of account with the proper vouchers will be transmitted to you in a few days.

I am very Respectfully

Director.

J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. B. Mint. Dahlonega.

Wm. Supt. Branch
Dahlonega

Transmitting Monthly
Report & assay Certs
for April

8th May 1854

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega Ga. 1st May 1854

Sir—

I have the honor to forward my report of the receipts & Coinage at this Branch during the month of April just Closed; also package No 4 of Coins reserved for the annual assay with a statement of its contents.

I forwarded one load of the Specie to Rail Road to-day— the balance will follow in a few days— when I will furnish you with a bill of lading.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt

C. M. Patton
Supt. &c.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

From
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
Dahlonega,

Respecting the legality
of a Minor making
a deposit of bullion
& drawing & receiving
proceeds of the same
Directions &c enclosed

18th May 1859

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega Ga. 6th May 1854

Sir—

I have been informed that a case of this kind will come up at this Branch in a short time. Father & Son, (the Son then & still a minor) went to California — the Father returned sometime since, leaving his mining interest with his Son; — the Son has recently returned, & there having been a disagreement & separation between the Father & Mother, during the Son's absence, the Son now refuses to account & settle with the Father according to the contract made between them it is alleged.

If the Son makes a deposit, I am informed that I will be notified not to pay over the proceeds of the deposit to him. I informed the party that I should feel it my duty to withhold payment until I could take your direction in the premises.

Sometimes minors who have been permitted by their parents to go to California, return & desire to make deposits; shall I require a person that I know to be a minor, to procure some friend in whose name he can deposit his Bullion — or may I receive it in his own name? The latter

course was pursued by my predecessor - upon the ground that he has been recognized as of full age by the conduct of his parents - & that the Treasurer must persons the individual in possession of the Bullion to be the legal owner.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Mint of the United States
Philad.a May 10, 1869.

Sir,

I have yours of the 6th inst. In reference to the point to which you call my attention I have to state that by law a minor is incapacitated from performing any legal act, and therefore in the case to which you refer, as in all such instances hereafter, you will please satisfy yourself that the depositor is an adult, otherwise to decline receiving his bullion except through the intervention of his parent or legal guardian.

I am very Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director.

J. M. Patton, Esq.
Supt. Branch Mint.
Dahlonega,
Ga.

To. Supt. B. Mint Mint,
Dahlonega,
Ga.

Ack. receipt of
Monthly Statement,
& Assay Coins for
April,

8th May 1854

Mint of the United States,
Philad.a May 8.th 1854.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1.st inst.t with the enclosure stated, & also package No. 4 of coins reserved for the Annual Assay.

I am Very Respectfully,

Director.

J. M. Patton, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint.
Dahlonega,

Mint of the United States,
Philad.a May 8, 1854.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst with the enclosure stated, and also package No 4 of coins reserved at your branch for the Annual assay.

I am very Respectfully,
James R. Snowden.
Director.

J. M. Dalton, Esq
Supt. Br. Mint.
Dahlonega,
Ga,

From,
J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt, Lahlonga Brittains

Trans mission of Sweeps

29th May 1854,

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega Ga. 29th May 1854

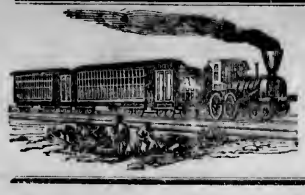
Sir -

You will please find enclosed a Bill of Lading for the Mint Gold shipped to your Mint according to the request of your letter of the 8th March; previous to its receipt, I was intending to ship directly from Charleston to Liverpool, under your former instructions. The Gross Wt. of the 18 Barrels is 8228 lbs Net Wt. 7230 lbs.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

C. McPattone
Supt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philada.



Georgia Rail-Road,

ATHENS DEPOT,

May 16th 1854

Received in good order from J. M. Patton Supt.

Eighteen Barrels

Marked U. S. Mint Phila

Consigned to Ag & So Ca R Rd

Augusta Depot.

Not responsible for leakage of Liquids or breakage of Crockery or Glass Ware.

A. Grant Agent

To.
Supt.s Lahlonega
" Charlotte

Lending to each
a pair $3. Lies

June 15th 1854

Mint of the United States
Philad.a June 1. 1856.

Sir.

I send you by the mail of to day a pair of Three Dollar dies. It is desirable that you cause to be struck such number of this denomination of coin as will meet the demands there may be for them.

I am very Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director

J. M. Patton, Esq.
Supt. Vt. Mint
Charlotte
N. C.

Mint of the United States
Philad.a June 1. 1854.

Sir,

I send you by the mail of to day a pair of Three Dollar dies. It is desirable that you cause to be struck such number of this denomination of coin as will meet the demand there may be for them.

I am very Respectfully
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. Branch Mint
Charlotte
N.C.

From & To
J M Patton, Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
Dahlonega

1 Assay Coins
2 Monthly Statement
3 Statement of A/c
with vouchers enclosed
4 Respecting a pair
of Rolls,

Rec 10th Jun
Ans. Same day

June 1854

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 2nd June 1854

Sir —

I have the honor to forward my report of the receipts of Bullion and Coinage for the month of May just past & also Package No. 5 of Coins reserved for the annual assay with a statement of its contents.

I have not yet heard anything of the Rolls ordered in February — if we do not receive them shortly we will be compelled to stop entirely the coining operation, as the old Rolls here are very poor ones.

Yesterday I received a letter from the 1st Auditor, in which he says: "Hereafter you are requested to require all persons having accounts of incidental & contingent expenses against the Branch Mint to present them for payment before the expiration of the Quarter in which they are incurred".

You will please have forwarded to me the accounts which you have paid off — receipted properly for my vouchers.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton

James Rop Snowden Esqr
Director &c

Mint of the United States
Philad[a] June 10. 1854.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst with the enclosures stated and also package No 5 of coins reserved at your Branch for the Annual Assay.

Your order of the 14th of Feby last for a [illegible] placed in the hands of J.F. Morris & Co of this city. They are now in course of manufacture and will be completed in about ten days, at which time they will be immediately forwarded to you.

A reference to my letter of the 24th ult will explain the cause of delay in presenting a statement of account. Such statement is now enclosed with the proper Vouchers for the various items charged. I may add that the subject of the disposition of the proceeds of the Silver Bullion sent some time since from your Branch to the Mint, is still under the consideration of the Comptroller, and until his decision is communicated to me, your account will have to remain open.

I am Very Respectfully

Director

J. M. Patton, Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Geo.

The Treasurer of the Branch Mint, Dahlonega, in A/c with Director U.S. Mint.

				Dr		Cr	
1853	July	30th	By balance			965	88
"	August	10	To cash paid Lennig & Co on Supts draft	364	39		
"	"	19	" " " Parrish & Co	14	20		
"	Sept	6	" " " Lennig & Co on Supts draft	194	91		
"	"	14	" " " Wm. F. Murphy	30	00		
"	Oct	6	" " " Geo Megee & Co	74	80		
"	"	10	" " " Bullock & Cunshaw	1	00		
"	"	"	" " " Evan Hellis & Co	28	00		
"	"	15	" " " James McFeteridge		50		
"	Dec	7	By proceeds of Silver Bullion sent to Phila.			2 439	23
"	"	"	To cash paid John D. Field Jr	400	00		
"	"	24	" " " Geo J. Hearn & Co	5	37		
"	"	30	" " " J. T. Lennard	8	00		
1854	Jan	19	" " " N. Lennig & Co	505	66		
"	Feb	15	By proceeds of Assay Coins			1 129	00
"	March	16	To cash paid N. Lennig & Co	276	39		
"	"	22	" " " Walter Cussan	60	27		
"	"	29	" " " H. Froemmer	475	00		
"	April		By balance	2 504	07		
				$4.488	11	$4.488	11

From, Jelle Rattan, Esq
Supt Br Mont
Dahemeyla,

Request 2 ½ Eagle
reers dies. Cupels
& instructions
17th June 1854

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega Ga. 10th June 1854

Sir –

Yours of the 1st Inst. and also the Three Dollar dies have been received.

You will please send us 2 Reverse ½ Eagle dies. One of the two sent 1st January had a crack on one side before it was turned which we fear will cause it to give way – the other has slightly sunk.

You will also please forward two Boxes of Labels.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

C. M. Pattan
Supt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

P. S. I await your instructions in reference to the amount accruing from the Coinage Charges, as which shall have accrued by the close of the present fiscal year.

To,
J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. Pa Mint
Philada.

Request a copy of
Statement of Exp.
of 1st Qr. 1854,

14th June 1854

~~United States~~

Anticipating the transmission through me to the Sec of the Treasury of the Statement of the Expenditures of your Branch for the 2 quarter ending 30 inst, I have to request that you will at the same time send me a copy of the ~~same~~ Statement of the Expenses of your Branch transmitted to me for the 1st Qr of the present year,

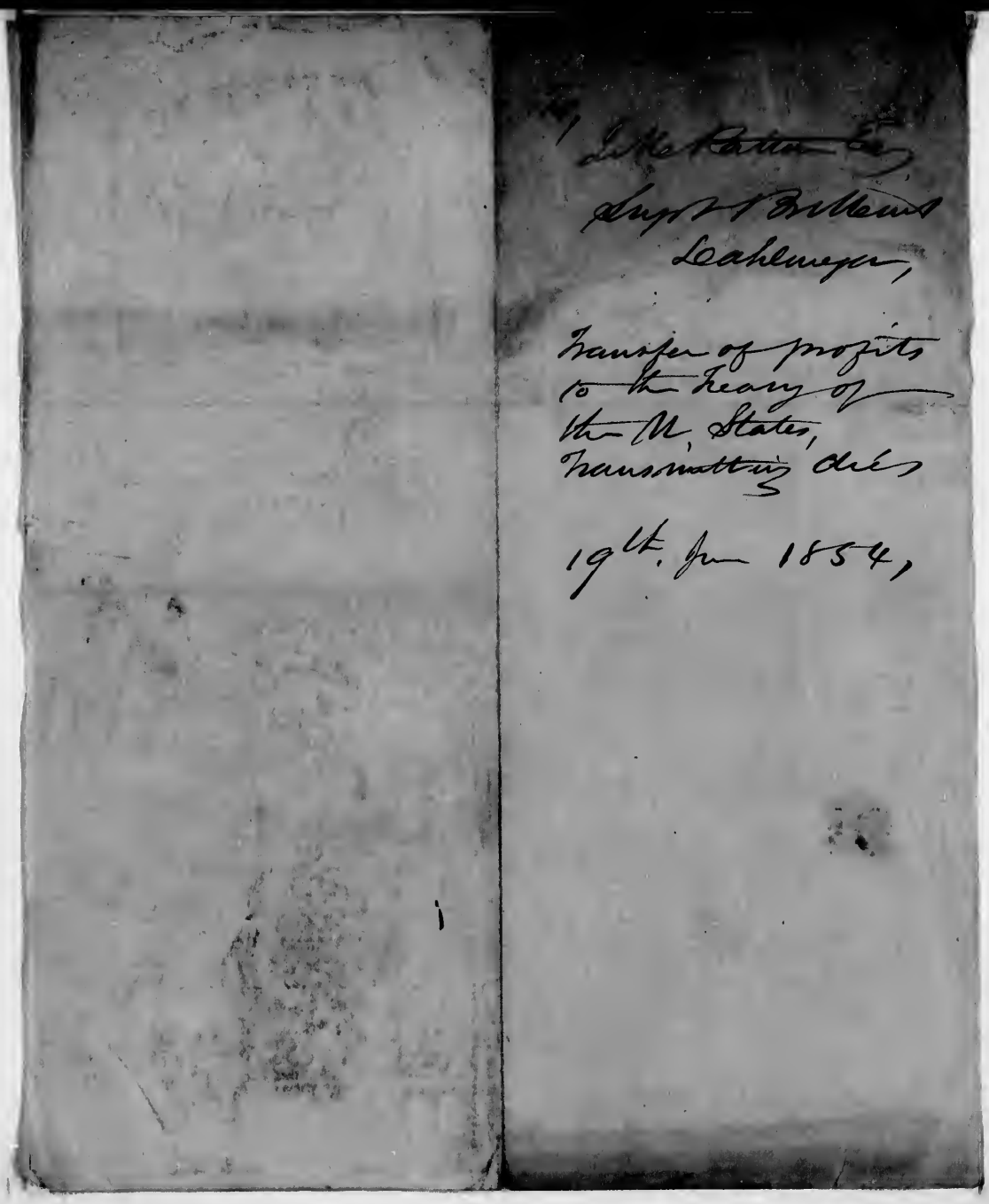
Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Jany 14. 1854.

Sir,

Anticipating the transmission pursuant to the Secretary of the Treasury of the statement of the Expenditures of your Branch for the quarter ending on the 30th inst. I have to request that you will at the same time transmit to me a copy of a similar statement which you forwarded at the close of the 1st quarter of the present year.

~~I am very Respectfully~~
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

J. M. Patton, Esq.
Supt Branch Mint
Dahlonega,



Title Ratton Esq.
Supt Brittons
Lahlmeyer,

Transfer of profits
to the Treasury of
the U. States,
Transmitting dies

19th. Jun 1854,

Mint of the United States
Philad.a June 19th 1854.

Sir,

I have yours of the 10th inst. The 2 reverse ½ Eagle dies asked for are transmitted by this days' mail.

In my several letters of 26th of Oct, 29th of Nov, and 18th of January last, I instructed you as to the mode of Accounting at your Branch for the Profits of the Mint, with a view of paying the same into the Treasury of the United States, as required by the Act of March 4. 1853 & 97. I have now to request that at the close of the present fiscal Year, you will transfer the profits standing to the credit of "Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss", to the Treasury of the United States agreeably to the Act above cited & transmit.ng a Statement of the Same;

I am very Respectfully

James Ross Snowden
Director.

J. M. Patton, Esq.
Supt Branch Mint.
Dahlonega.

From
Elisha Whittlesey, Esq'r.
Comptroller of Treasury.
Dated June 20, 1854.

Recd. June 21 '54.

Enclosing Bond of I. L. Todd,
(Assayer Branch Mint Dahlonega) for
my approval, &c.

Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office,
June 20th 1854

J Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

I inclose herewith the Bond of Isaac L Todd, Assayer of the branch Mint, at Dahlonega, Georgia, for your approval, in pursuance of the 3rd Section of the Act of April 2nd 1844 establishing branches of the Mint of the United States. After you have approved the bond, you will be pleased to transmit it to the Secretary of the Treasury, for his approval.

Most Respectfully,
Elisha Whittlesey.
Comptroller.

A

Secretary of the Treasury.
June 21st, 1854.

Enclosing the Bond of Isaac L. Dodge, Assayer of the Branch Mint, Dahlonega, Georgia, for his approval.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, June 22d, 1854

Sir.

I herewith transmit to you the Bond of Isaac S. Dodd, Assayer at the Branch Mint, Dahlonega, Georgia, for your approval. I have certified the Bond to be form satisfactory

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon: Samuel Southard,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City,
D.C.

R/ Secretary of the Treasury.
June 21st, 1854

Relative to the transfer of workmen from the Mint to the Assay office at N. York.

Mint of the United States.
Phila. June 21, 1854.

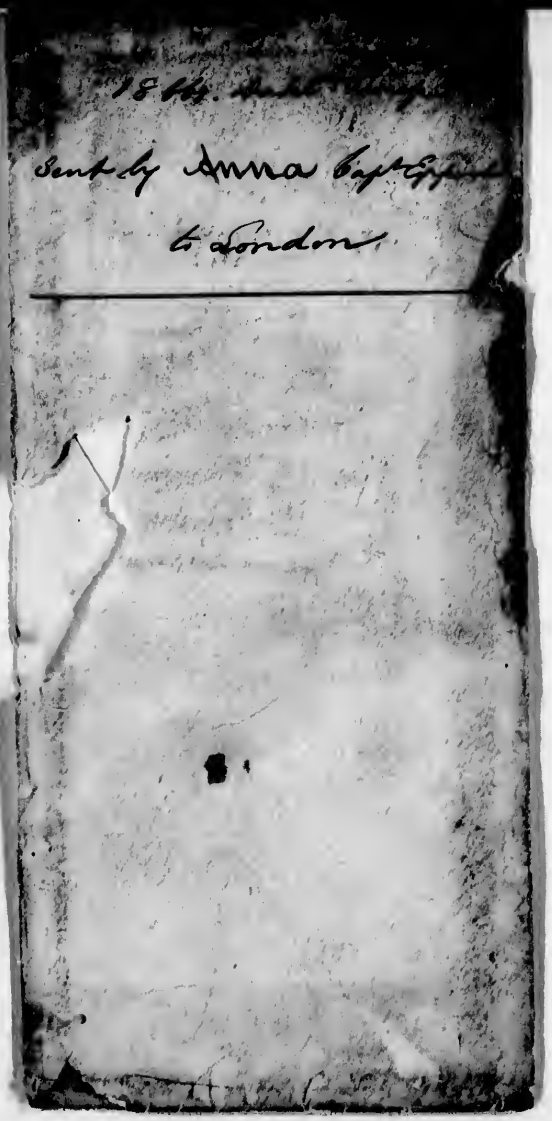
Sir,

In reply to the latter part of your favor of the 19th inst. I have to state that it is my intention to detail a few experienced workmen from the Mint & the assay office at New York. It will be entirely convenient for us to supply them. The subject is now under consideration between the Superintendent and myself. That officer has advised me that he will go at the Mint to-day; after we have had a further conference, I will inform you of our views upon the subject.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.



18 bbls. [illegible]

Sent by Anna Capt Eppin[illegible]

to London.

18 barrels of Sweep from Dahlonega Branch Mint. Gross Weight 8228 lbs. Net weight 7230 lbs.

998

Dahlonega Sweep marked

U S Mint
Philadelphia
Care of
Chambers & Jeffers
Carleston

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1354
39
1.69
66 02

Gold .351
Silv. .026
Total $0.377 pr ℔ avd of Sweep.

Assayers Report on Sweep from Branch Mint, Dahlonega

	Net weight	Value per oz. av.	Gross Value
	lbs. av.	$ cts	$ c
Eighteen barrels, marked U.S. Mint	7230	0.377	2725.71

I certify that having assayed the gold and silver sweep described in the foregoing statement, I find the value of the same as therein reported

Assayers Office
U. S. Mint
20 June 1857.

J. R. Eckfeldt
assayer

Assayers Report on Sweep from Branch Mint, Dahlonega.

	net weight	value per lb. av.	gross value
	lbs. av.	$ cts	$ c
Eighteen barrels, marked U.S. Mint	7230.	0.377	2725.71

I certify that having assayed this gold & silver sweep described in the foregoing statement, I find the value of the same as therein reported

Assayers Office
U.S. Mint
20 June 1854

J R Eckfeldt
assayer

From,
J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. Bt. Mint
Cahenega,

July 10. 1854.

1 Monthly Report } Summ
2 Assay Coins }

Expenditures of
2d. Qr. 1854,

States that my
Statement of account
agrees with his
Directors Acct. Enclos

July 1854

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 1st July 1852

Sir —

I have the honor to forward my report of the receipts & coinage of this Branch for the month of June — also package No. 6 of Coins reserved for the annual assay, with a statement of its contents; & also the report of Expenditures for the Secretary of the Treasury & a copy of the report for last Quarter as requested by you.

I have received your favor of the 18th June with its enclosures. —

My as against you agrees with your statement.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supt. & Tr.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Mint of the United States
Philad.a July 10th 1834.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. with the enclosures stated, and also a package containing the coins reserved at your Branch during the month of June for the Annual Assay.

The rolls ordered some time since were forwarded to you on the 7th inst. per Adams Co. Express.

I am very Respectfully,

James Ross Snowden
Director

J. M. Dalton Esq.
Supt. Branch Mint,
Charlotte.

From,
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Br Mint.
Dahlonega

Respecting the mode
of transferring
the propt. of Ctrs
Branch to the
Treas. of U.S.
Directors Ans
enclose.
July 12. 1854

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega Ga, 4th July 1854

Sir

Yours of the 19th June was not received until to-day — having been sent to New Orleans.

My report for the 2nd Quarter was forwarded before its receipt.

According to the instructions in your letter of the 27th Ult. last — "Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss" a/c. was opened & has been credited with the Coinage charges from 1st April 1853 to the 30th ultimo — and the amount due the Treasury on this account was, on the 1st Inst. $2.441.65/100

In that letter, you say: "At the close of each fiscal year you will transfer the profits standing to the credit of "Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss" to the Treasury of the United States agreeably to the act just cited".

The act cited, declares — that "the money arising from this charge of one half per centum shall be charged to the Treasurer of the Mint, and from time to time, on warrant of the Director of the Mint shall be transferred into the Treasury of the United States".

Now the question with me was

whether this amount was to be placed to the credit of U.S. Bullion account, at the close of each fiscal year, — or whether it was, by the Branch Mints, to be transferred to your Mint, and thus carried into the Treasury of the United States: and you will allow me, most respectfully, to suggest that the letters referred to by you do not, in my opinion, point out the mode by which this Fund is to get into the Treasury of the United States.

The package of reverse ½ Eagle dies, requested on the 10th June, was received some days since.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.
Philada July 12, 1864.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. The transfer to the Treasury of the United States of the amount standing at your Branch on the 30th ult. to the credit of "Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss," is to be effected by placing the same to the credit of "United States Bullion Account"; and upon doing so you will notify the Treasurer of the United States of the fact. The amount thus placed will be subject to the draft of the Treasury Department at Washington.

I am very Respectfully.

James Ross Snowden
Director.

J. M. Patton, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega

To,

Hon James Guthrie
Sec, of the Treasury

Statement of Expenditures
of Br Mint Dahlonga
2 quarter 1854,

July 10, 1854

Mint of the United States.
Phil, July 10. 1854.

This is to certify that Mr. Conrad. H. Yearly has been employed for some months in the Coiners department of the Mint. His services have dispensed

Mint of the United States.
Philada. July 10. 1804.

Sir,

In accordance with the act of 2d March 1805, I herewith present a quarterly Statement of the Expenditures of the Branch Mint at Charlotte for the 2d Quarter 1804.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect
Your faithful servant
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Gallatin,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington.

From,
J. M. Pallon, Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint
Dahlonega, Ga

Transmits for my approval
his Official Bond

July 14. 1834

Cassville Ga.
10th July 1854

Sir —

Enclosed I send for your approval my Bond as Superintendent of the Branch Mint Dahlonega; — if found satisfactory you will please forward to Treasury Department.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. McPatton

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia —

To.
The Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Enclosing the Official
Bond of Julius M. Patton.
Supt & Mint Cahoneza

July 14. 1854.

Mint of the United States.
Philada July 14, 1854.

Sir,

I enclose the official bond of L. M. Patton, Esq. Superintendent of the Branch of the United States Mint at Dahlonega, Georgia, for the penal sum of Twenty Thousand dollars which I have certified to be to my satisfaction.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful Servant,

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a July 14. 1834.

Sir,

I enclose, the Official Bond of Lulus M Patton, Esq. Superintendent of the Branch of the Mint of the United States at Dahlonega, Georgia, for the penal sum of Twenty Thousand dollars, which I have certified is to my satisfaction.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ro.s Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

To Supt. at New Orleans
Cahlemeyer
Charleston

Transmitting coining
implements for
the Gold Coin

July 15, 1854.

Mint of the U. S. at
Philad.a Jan.y 23. 1834

Sir,

I have the honour to [illegible]
[illegible] already
[illegible] forwarded.

I am, Sir, Your
Obed.t Servant
Samuel Rose Snowden
Mint

Lewis D. Sallin Esq.
Chief Clerk
Treasury

Mint of the [illegible]
Phila. July 15 1850.

Sir,

I herewith transmit six adjusted weights, two [illegible] a quarter [illegible] the new three dollar gold coins [illegible] for which have already been forwarded.

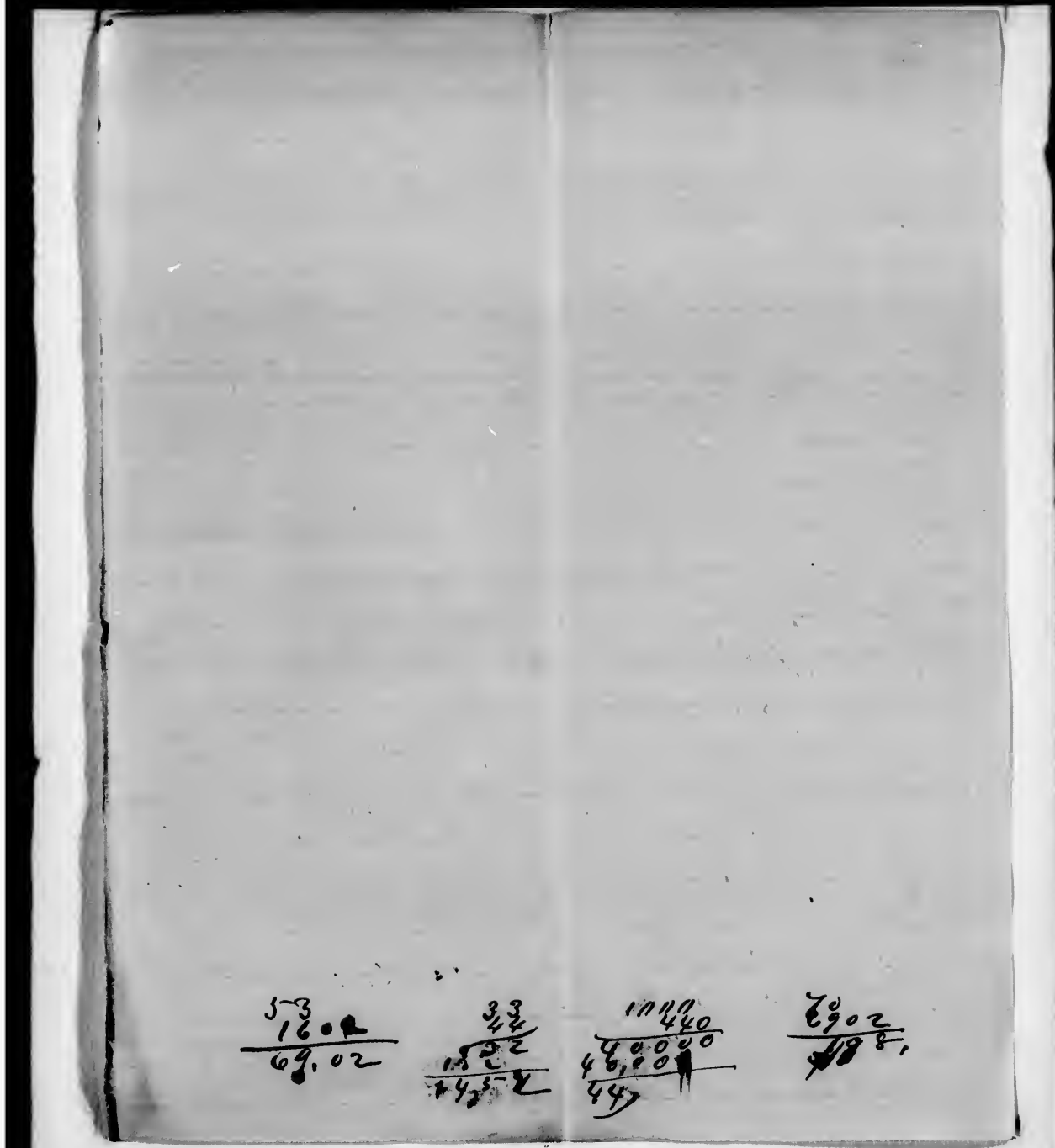
I am [illegible]
Eaves R. J. Dawson
Master.

Charles Dimmon, Esq.
Supt. Mint
New Orleans

To
Hon James Guthrie
Sec of the Treas

July 26/

Enclosing Mr
Field's
Official
Bond



Mint of the United States.
Philad^a July 26, 1854.

Sir,

I enclose the Official Bond of John L. Field Jr. Coiner of the Branch of the Mint of the United States at Dahlonega, Georgia, for the penal sum of Ten Thousand Dollars; which I have certified is to my satisfaction.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant.

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington,

From,
Supt. Dahlonga
Br Mint
Monthly Report July
Assay Coins
Aug 7. 1834
August 1854

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 1st Augt. 1854

Sir—

Enclosed I have the honor to forward Report of the operations of this Branch for the month of July just closed — also package No. 7 of Coins reserved for the annual assay with a statement of its contents.

We received the Rolls a few days since & so far they work well.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a Aug^y 1854.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst with the endorsed statement and also package no^y of [illegible] assured at your Branch for the Annual Assay.

I am very Respectfully
A. H. Sonderman
for the Director.

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt Bro Mint,
Dahlonega.
Ga.
D. C.

From
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt Dahlonega

Enclosing Officer
Bond

Aug. 9. 1854

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Geo. 3rd Aug. 1854

Sir —

A few days after I had transmitted to you my Bond executed under instructions from the Treasury Department in June, I was surprised to receive instructions requiring a Bond in the penalty of $25.000.

The Bond as required under the last instructions is now enclosed for your approval

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supt.

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mints
Philadelphia
Pa.

To Supt. Dahlonega Branch Mint,
Dahlonega, Ga.
August 16, 1854.

Appropriations for this Branch
for current fiscal year.

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a, August , 1854.

Sir:

The "Civil and Diplomatic Appropriation bill" passed at the late Session of Congress, makes the following Appropriations for your Branch:

"For Salaries of Superintendent, coiner, assayer and "clerk, six thousand dollars;

"For wages of workmen, three thousand, six hundred "dollars;

"For incidental and contingent expenses, including "fuel, materials, stationery, repairs, wastage, and purchase "of new scales, two thousand five hundred dollars:

I send this for your guidance in making requisition upon the Department for the current expenses of your Branch Mint for the present year.

I am, Very respectfully:

James Ross Snowden
Director

J. M. Patton, Esq:
Supert^d Brch: Mint,
Dahlonega, Georgia:

[illegible] 1854 [illegible]

Sept. 1st, 1854.

Articles enumerated by Mr. Mason to be ordered from Europe through Dr. Farnum. Pamp. here for Dr. Benzano – to till N.o Supt: As to articles requested – those not already sent shall be ordered. Enclosing list of articles forwarded & bills paid – Enclose Lennig & Co's bill. Can't go to N.Y. for sometime – can Supt. come over here?

Mint of the United States:
Philadelphia, September 1st., 1854.

Dear Sir:

The articles requested by Mr. Mason in his list (herewith returned) will undoubtedly be needed, and you will please send an order for them. Such articles are always procured for us through the agency of Dr. Joseph W. Farnum, formerly assayer of the Dahlonega Branch Mint, now superintending the disposal of mint sweeps, in England and France. His address is "care of Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., London"; they will send your letter immediately to Paris, where Dr. F. was, at last advices.

In the meantime, our assayer says he can lend you two sets of gold assay weights, and one of Silver; likewise two balances (and a third one if necessary), which are now in course of packing up.

You mention Mr. Bienvenu as having called at your office; if you see him again, please inform him that a catalogue of Instruments (a large pamphlet) of Lerebours & Secretan, Paris, was lately sent here for Dr. Bonzano, by Dr. Farnum; and that if he passes this way on his return to N. O., we will thank him to take charge of it, unless he would rather it should go by mail.

The three carboys of pure nitric acid requested by Dr. Torrey, have been ordered. One of them will be sent in about a week and the other two, as soon as they can be prepared. The zinc for the reduction of Chloride of Silver, the asst. Melter

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which, I would be glad to have a conference with you, and if you could come out here tomorrow or on Sunday, it might be advantageous. You say that you think it would be advantageous for me to be at the Work on Monday. Is there any special reason for my doing there at that time? I had intended to postpone my visit until about the time you would commence operations, but I will come out sooner if necessary.

L. R. S.

From.
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega Ga

Monthly Report & Assy Coins
for August

Order for Acids

and asks for
receipts for monies
paid for that Br

Sept. 11, 1864

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 2nd Sept. 1854

Sir —

I have the honor to forward my report for the month of August — also Package No 8 of Coins reserved for the annual assay with a statement of its contents.

You will please have forwarded for the use of this Branch

20 Carboys Nitric acid
3 do. Sulphuric do.

You will also please forward me the receipts for payments made by you on account of this Branch since the last statement.

The 1st Auditor of the Treasury Department has required me to present at the end of the Quarter vouchers for the payments of all debts contracted during the Quarter.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Superintendt

James R. Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

9/11.

Lt Ratton, Esq
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

Receipt of Assay Coin & Monthly Report for August

Annual Estimates

Sept 11, 1854

September 1854

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Sept. 11. 1854.

Sir,

The enclosed Statement exhibits the Deposits made, and Coinage executed at the Branch Mints, during the Month of August 1854, and at the Parent Mint at Philad.a which I have the honor to be,

With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Sept. 20. 1854.

Sir.

I am called upon to present to the Treasury Department the annual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1856. I have to request that you will without delay send me an estimate of the probable amount required for your Branch of the Mint embracing the Salaries of Officers, Wages of Workmen and all other expenses.

You will send the estimate on foolscap paper with margins of at least one inch in width.

I am, Very Respectfully.
James Pollock
Director.

A. M. Patten Esq
Supt Br. Mint,
Dahlonega.

Mint of the United States
Philad^a Sept 11. 1864.

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Inst with the endosures stated, and also a package containing the coins received at your Branch during the month of August for the Annual Assay.

Your Account with me is as follows:

			Dr	Cr
1864	June	10 By Balance,		$2004.07
"	"	27 to cash paid for Summers	70	
"	July	29 " " L. S. Morris & Co	89.96	
"	"	30 " " Evans Hills	22.80	
		Balance to date	1890.62	
			$2004.07	$2004.07

Vouchers for the items charged are herewith endorsed.

I am very Respectfully
Yours Obt Servant
Director.

J. M. Patton Esq
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega
Ga

From & To
Lt Patton Esq
Supt. Br Mint
Lahlweyer

Transmits Annual Estimates
as to Succeeds
as to Ass with
1st Comptroller

Oct 7

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega Ga. 21st Sept. 1854

Sir—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 11th Inst. with the enclosures.

My account against you agrees with your statement, balance $1890.62p

J. P. Morris & Co. furnished this Branch a sett of Rolls in 1846 of the same kind & size of those recently furnished; their charge then was $60.80p now $89.95p — difference $29.15p

The Mint sweeps were forwarded to you 7th June from Charleston — I believe you have not mentioned their receipt.

Enclosed please find estimates for the year ending 30. June 1856 as requested.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint &c.

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega Ga. 21st Sept. 1854

Sir –

The 1st Comptroller of the Treasury Department suspends, as you are aware, the transfer from Profits & Loss to the ordinary Expenses of an amount sufficient to meet the increased expenses of last year. If that officer has yet decided the question, I have not received any notice of it.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.
Phil. Oct 7. 1834.

Sir,

I have received your letters of the 21st ult. with the enclosures stated.

The Mint Sweeps sent from your branch in June last were received and have been shipped abroad but no returns received yet.

I have no information in respect to the decision of the Comptroller in the matter referred to in your letter.

I am, very respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director
Mr. H. W. Lindermann

J. M. Patton, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega.

Fm.
The Sec. of the Treasury
Washington

Transfer of proceeds
of Silver Bullion
from Galveston
to Treas U.S.
Oct 3

Treasury Department
September 30th. 1834

Sir.

The correspondence which has recently taken place between the Accounting officers and the Director of the Mint, in relation to the disposition as required by Law to be made of the silver parted from Gold deposits which accrues to the United States under the Mint Regulations established in pursuance of the last proviso of the 14th section of the Act of the 18th of January 1837, has been submitted for my consideration. The items in question, it would seem from the representations of the Director, cannot be properly considered as profits, the expense of parting being at least equal to the value of the silver separated, I cannot therefore see any reason for changing the established practice at the Mint in Philadelphia of carrying the value of the silver thus separated to the credit of the ordinary expense account. There being a considerable balance, in addition to the appropriation for the current year, to the credit of the appropriations for the contingent expenses of the Branches at Charlotte and Dahlonega, viz, at the former, of $671.20, and at the latter of $7.995.22

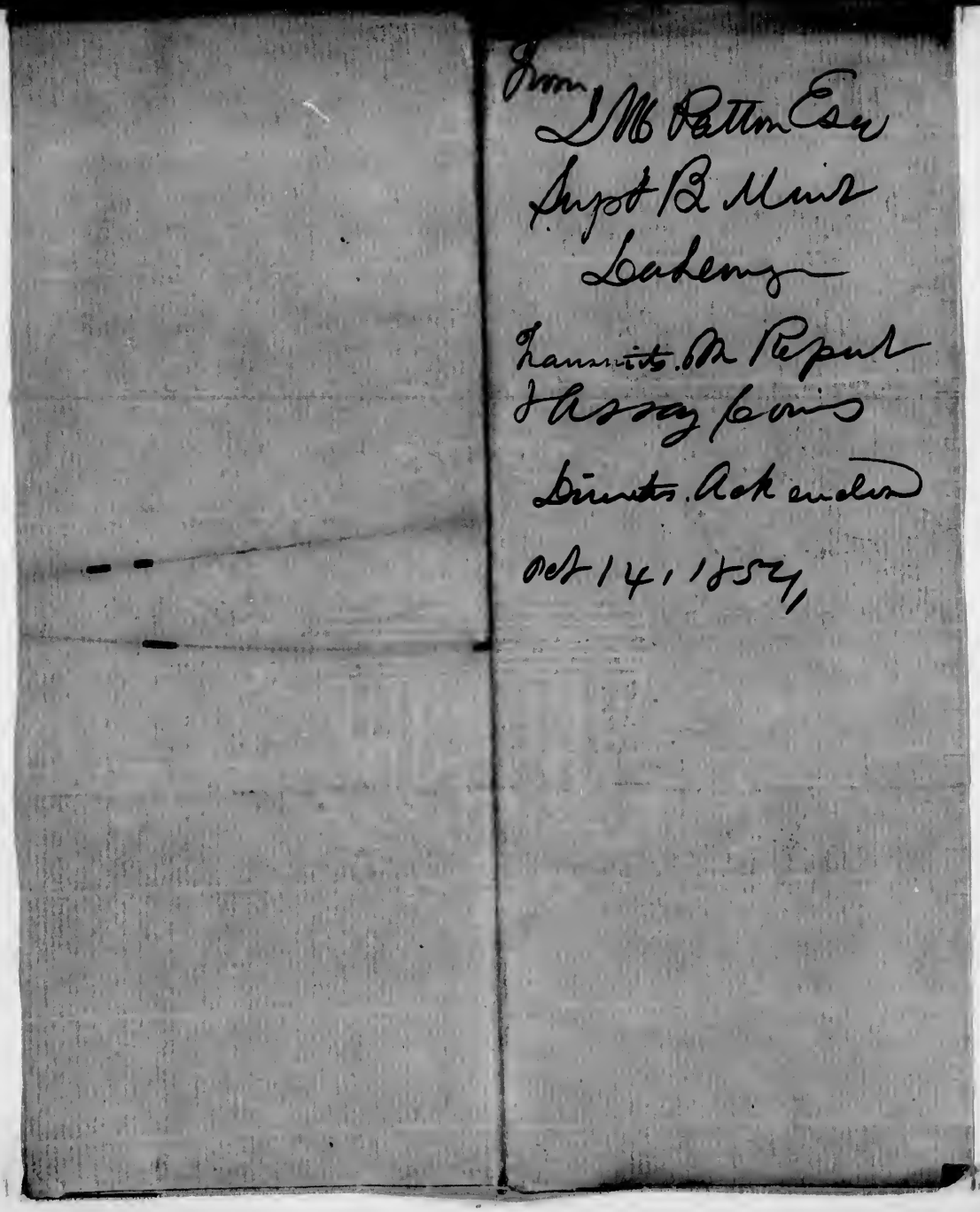
it being presumed that the amount which has accumulated at those branches will not be required for their ordinary expenses, it is therefore thought best that the amount transferred to Philadelphia from those branches should be paid into the Treasury -

Should the Director be called upon, at any time, to procure materials or machinery for either Branch, a requisition can be issued in his favor and the necessary funds be supplied in Philadelphia -

You will therefore be pleased to deposit, separately, the amounts transferred from the Branches at Charlotte and Dahlonega, after deducting the expenses of transportation, to the credit of the Treasurer of U. S. as miscellaneous receipts -

I am very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Secy Treasury

A Ross Snowden Esq
Director of Mint
Philadelphia



From
J M Patton Esq
Supt B Mint
Lahenge

Transmits. Mr Report
& Assay Coins

Directs. Ack endorsed

Oct 14, 1854,

Br. Mint Dahlonega,
2nd Oct. 1854

Sir —

I have the honor to forward my report for the month of September also package No 9 of assay coins with a statement of its contents.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt

A. M. Patton
Supt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa,

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Oct. 14, 1864.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst with the enclosures stated, and also package No. 9 containing the reserved coins of your branch for the month of September 1864.

I am, very Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director.

J. M. Pallon, Esq.
Supt. Ch. Mint,
Dahlonega.

From T. L. Smith Esq
1st Auditor
Treasury Department

Asks for a Copy of Instruction
to Lab B Smith
Directors Reply
enclosed 4th
Oct 31 1854

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
October 2nd 1854

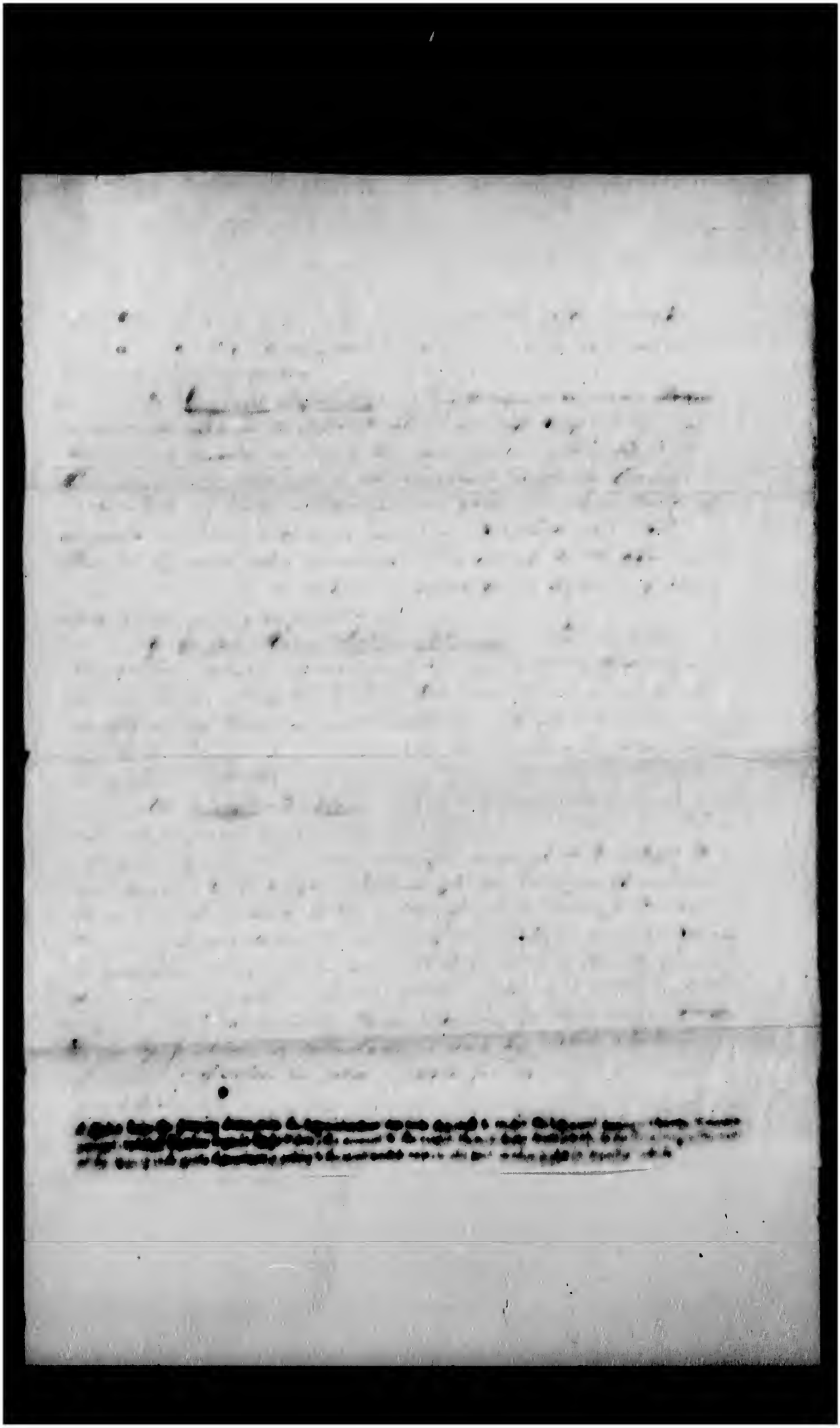
Dr Robt Snowden Esqr
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

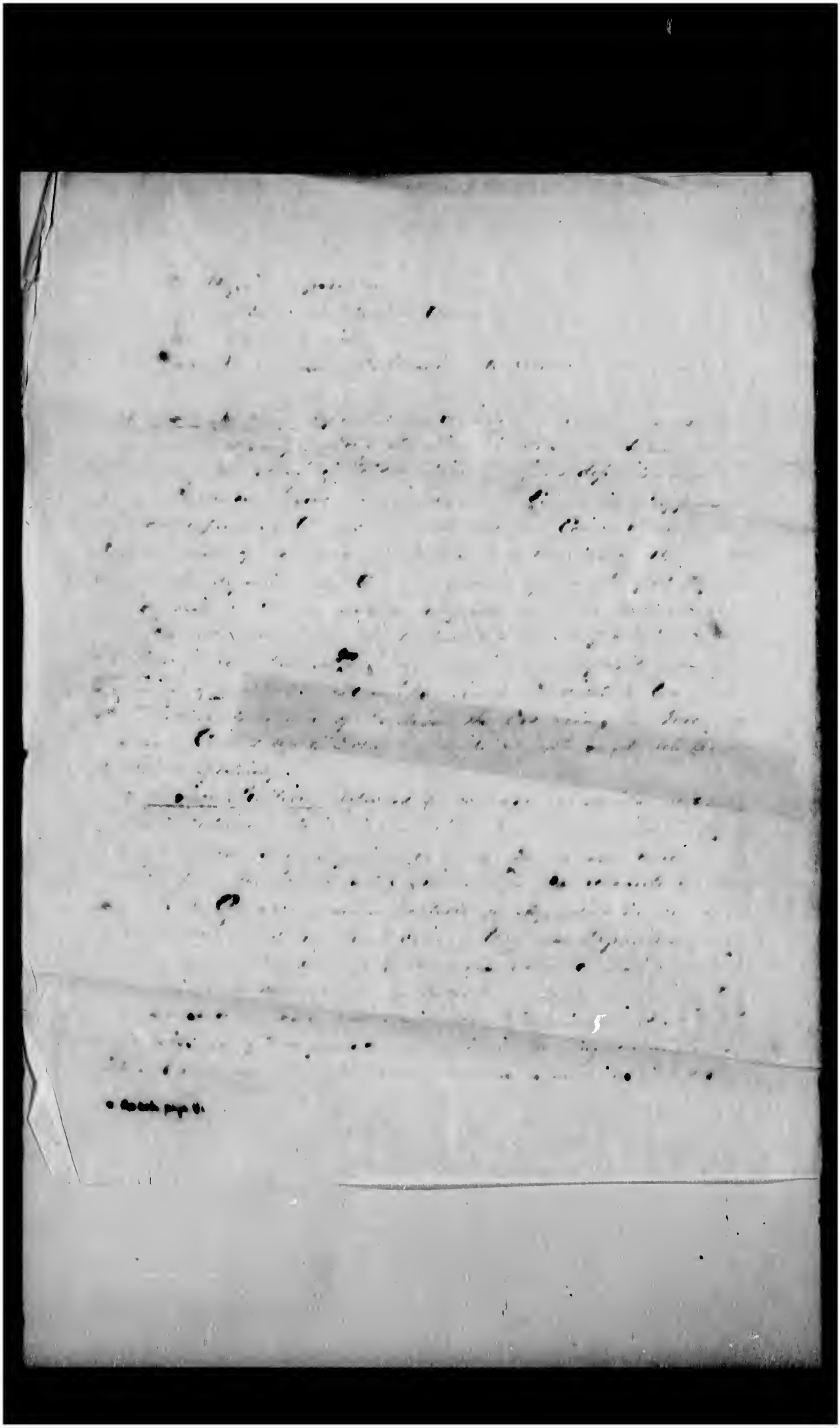
Have the kindness to furnish me with a copy of the instructions prepared by you for the guidance of the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega and of the forms for the proper rendering of his Bullion Accounts -

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
T. L. Smith

Auditor



* Note... Since the plan was adopted, as explained in the text, the sum of these ratios is diminished, substantially, from the three decimals, and the ultimate 2 cents abolished.



To.
Hon J Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury

Transfer of $1.684,66
to US Treasury being
proceeds of Silver
bullion from Dahlonga
Ga Mint
oct 4. 1854

8 October 1854

Mint of the United States.
Phil. Oct 4, 1854.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 30th ult: and in compliance with your instructions have this day deposited at the U.S. Treasury in this City to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, the sum of $1664.66, being the balance in my hands of the proceeds of the Silver Bullion transferred from the Branch Mint at Oahlonega to the Mint in December 1853.

The Silver Bullion at the Branch Mint Charlotte was not transferred to the Mint and the only funds in my hands belonging to that branch are those arising from the proceeds of their received coins. As the balance on hand is only proceeds, and as I shall be called on to pay a part of this amount for expenses lately incurred for that branch, I have thought it advisable to retain the same and thereby

avoid making a requisition for so small an amount to meet the expenses just alluded to.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your faithful servant,

[illegible]

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

To
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt & Br. Mint
Dahlonega

Transfer of Balance
on a/c to U. S. Treasury
& voucher Enclosed
for $205,96

Oct 6, 1854

October 1854

at my last statement of A/c
there was a balance in your
favor of $ Since then
I have paid Lennig & Co. ~~for acids~~
for Acids. which reduced
said balance to $1.684.66. In
pursuance of Instructions from the Sec.
of the Treasury I have paid this balance
into the Treasury of the U.S. In his letter
directing me to pay the proceeds of the
Silver bullion sent from your Branch to the
Mint into the Treas U.S. the Secretary
says that if I should be called
upon at any time, to procure
materials or machinery for your Branch
a requisition can be issued in
my favor & the necessary funds be
supplied in Phil

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Oct 6, 1854.

Sir,

At my last statement of account there was a balance in your favor of $1,890.62. Since then I have paid for you $205.96, reducing said balance to $1,684.66. In pursuance of instructions lately received from the Secretary of the Treasury I have paid the same into the Treasury of the U.S. In his letter directing me to pay the proceeds of the Silver bullion sent from your Branch into the Treasury of the U.S., the Secretary says, that if I should be called upon at any time, to procure materials or machinery for your branch a requisition can be issued in my favor on your application to the Department and the necessary funds be supplied in Philadelphia.

I enclose a voucher for the amount paid Lennig & Co. for Acids.

I am, Very Respectfully,

Director.

L. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. Branch Mint. Dahlonega.

From &c
Act Auditor
Treasury
Washington

As to proceeds of
Silver bullion from
Dahlonega Br. Mint

Oct 14, 1854

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
October 13th 1854

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I beg leave to call your attention to the last clause of a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury addressed to you under date of Sept. 30th/54 as follows viz: "You will therefore be pleased to deposit separately, the amounts transferred from the Branches at Charlotte and Dahlonega after deducting the Expenses of Transportation, to the credit of the Treasurer U.S., as miscellaneous receipts"

By the Philadelphia assays of the Silver Transferred from the Dahlonega Branch the value was estimated at $2439.23/100 - The amount paid into the Treasury by you as appears from the record of the Secretaries office was $1.684.66/100 making a difference of $754.57/100 - Be pleased to advise me how this difference arises -

Very Respy your obt Svt
D. W. Mahon
acty auditor

Mint of the United States
Philad^a Oct. 11 [illegible]

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst. I have to state that the amount paid by me into the Treasury of the U.S. on a/c of the Branch Mint Dahlonega was a balance of $1,682.66 and not the exact amount of the proceeds of the Silver bullion transferred from that Branch to the Mint. $400 was paid to the Superintendent at the time the Silver was received here and the sum of $354.67 was afterwards used to meet expenses incurred by me in the purchase of necessary Articles for that Branch.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant,
[illegible]
Director.

C. W. Mahon Esq.
Asst Auditor
Treasury Department

To.
Hon. J. Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
2 Letters
1st enclosing Br. Mint
Report for Sept.

2 enclosing Sr. Statement
expenditures of
D. Br. Mint for Sept
30 Sept. 1854

Oct 14. 1854

Statement of Deposits and Coinage.

At the Branch Mints at New Orleans & Dahlonega for month of Sept. 1854.

Deposits.

Description of Bullion	At Mint New Orleans	At Branch Dahlonega
Gold.		
Foreign Coins	922.36	
" Bullion	241.89	
Australia Gold	2,106.49	
U.S. Bullion	22,955.70	$9.555.29
Total Gold Deposits	$ 26,229.44	$ 19,555.29
Silver		
Foreign Coins	10,993.11	
" Bullion	4,410.69	
U.S. Coin	15,019.48	
U.S. Bullion	97.89	
Total Silver Deposits	$ 32,521.17	
Total Gold & Silver Deposits	$ 58,750.31	$19,555.29

Coinage.

Denomination of Coin	Pieces	Value	Pieces	Value
Gold Half Eagles			4,443	$22,215
Three Dollars	13,000	$39,000		
Total Gold Coinage	13,000	$39,000	4,443	$22,215
Silver				
Half Dollars	600,000	$300,000		
Total Coinage	613,000	$339,000	4,443	$22,215

Mint of the United States.
Phila, Oct 14, 1854.

Director.

Mint of the United States
Philad.a Oct. 22 [illegible]

Sir,

In compliance with the Act of 3rd March 1863 & 97, I present a quarterly [illegible] of the Expenditures of the Branch of the Mint of the U. States at Dahlonega, Ga. for the quarter ending 30th September 1854.

I have the honor to be
With great respect,
Your faithful servant
James Pope Brewster
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Oct 12. 1854.

Sir,

I present a Statement exhibiting the operations of the Branch Mints at New Orleans and Dahlonega during the month of September 1854. The operations of the Mint at Charlotte were suspended during that month and no report from San Francisco has been received for the month just referred to.

I have the honor to be
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

From & To
I M Patton, Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega

Monthly Report & Assay
Coins for Oct.
respecting proceeds
of Silver Bullion
sent with mint
inferior quality of
the Acid sent by Lt V.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 6th Nov 1854

Sir -

I have the honor to forward a report of the operations of this Branch for the month of October - also package No 10 of Coins reserved for the annual assay with a statement of its contents.

I received some days since yours of the 6th ult, containing receipt of Messrs N. Lennig & Co. for $2115.96/100 - leaving my balance against you, as stated, $1.684.66¢.

I suppose it will be my duty under the instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury to you, to transfer to the Treasury of the U.S. the balance of the proceeds of the Silver Bullion deposited with you last November, which is, (after the transfer made by you,) $754.57¢.

The Melter & Refiner reports the last acid received from Messrs Lennig & Co. as very inferior - says it contains considerable Muriate, requiring the use of Nitrate of Silver

upon each Carboy. If it had been practicable I should have returned it to them.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.

J. N. Patton
Supt. & Treas.

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

November 18, 4.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 6th inst with the enclosures stated and also a package containing the coins reserved at your Branch during the month of October for the annual assay.

The disposition made of the proceeds of the Silver Bullion sent from your Branch to the Mint in Nov last, has received the approval of the Department with the exception of the $400 returned to you through Mr Teilde. This part of the transaction being still a subject of correspondence with the 1st Auditor, you will please not make the transfer in question until further instructed by me.

Your report of the inferior quality of the last acid received from Lennig & Co will be brought to their notice.

I am very Respectfully,
Eleanor Ross Snowden
Director.

Lt. Pattn Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint.
Dahlonega.

Wm. T. L. Smith Esq
[redacted] Auditor
Washington

as to $400 paid
To Supt. Leah Lowe
Br Mint on receipt
of Silver Bullion

Nov 11, 1854

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
November 9th 1854

Jas Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Your letter of the 14th ult: in reference to the distribution made of the proceeds of Silver Bullion Transferred from the Branch Mint at Dahlonega was duly received, and the information it contained, considered at the time Sufficient, but I regret to be again under the necessity of adverting to the Subject and would request to be informed of the object designed by returning to the Treasurer the Sum of $400.—

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt:

T. L. Smith

Auditor

To
T L Smith Esq
Auditor
Treasury Dept
Washington

Payment of $400 to
Supt. Br Mint Leahlney
on receipt of Silver Bullion
reasons therefor
given.

Nov 11. 1854

November 11th 4.

Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst. requesting to be informed of the object designed in returning to the Treasurer of the Branch Mint Dahlonega the sum of $800, on account of the Silver Bullion transferred from that branch to the Mint has been received.

In your letter of the 21st of Oct 1838, to the 1st Comptroller referring the proper disposition of the specie of Silver Bullion which had accumulated at the Bullion Dahlonega, You suggested that the same be sent to the Mint at Philad.a to be converted into coined and that there be returned to the Branch Mint a sufficient sum in Silver Coins to meet the payment to depositors of Gold Bullion for the value of Silver parted from Gold a Copy of the above letter, with one from the 1st Comptroller to the Secretary of the Treasury, dated Nov. 4, recommending the adoption of your suggestion was referred to me for perusal and to state whether it was advisable to make the transfer as suggested. In accordance with the above suggestion instructions were issued to have the Silver transferred to the Mint, with a view to its conversion into Coin to be returned as above, but a regulation was about this time adopted, by which depositors were paid in Gold Coins for the Silver parted from their deposits and there being no necessity for a supply of Silver Coin at that branch for the before mentioned

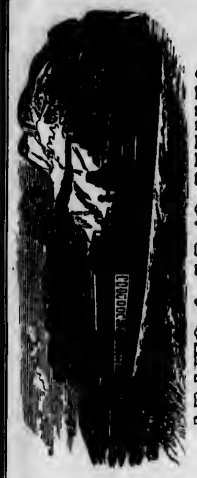
purpose, it was considered that the
proceeds of the silver bullion might properly
be used to defray the expenses of that branch
for material, implements &c. and the Supt.
desiring to be furnished with silver coin
for purposes of change, $400 (the amount desired)
was sent him in silver coin of small denomi-
nations, which amount was charged
to him in my account, in which he had
received a credit for the proceeds of
the bullion transferred to the Supt.

To/ Sup'd't: Branch Mint,
Dahlonega:
Nov'r: 24, 1854.

Transmitting dies for 1855 - one dollar (gold) rolling guage and Specimen planchets

(Adams & Co's. receipt filed.)

November 1854



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18 Broad St., Charleston, S. C. Camp St., New Orleans.

ALVIN ADAMS, W. B. DINSMORE, E. S. SANFORD, AND S. M. SHOEMAKER.

Philadelphia, Nov 24 1854

RECEIVED from U S Mint

One box *said to contain*

one

Marked B Mint U.S.

- Fahlonega

Geo

which we agree to forward to NY *only,*

and deliver to proper *Agent,*

We not holding ourselves responsible for loss or damage of any package beyond the value of Fifty Dollars, unless otherwise herein stated, and insured by mutual agreement.

For the Proprietors, J K Hunter

Crissy & Markley, Printers, Goldsmiths Hall, Library Street.

November 24th; 41:

Sir:

Not having received from you the usual requisition for dies for the ensuing year, I have caused a sufficient number of such dies as you will be likely to require to be prepared for your branch, and have this day forwarded them by Adams & Co's. Express, together with the gold dollar rolling guage and specimen planchets.

I enclose a Statement of the dies sent.

Very respectfully, Yours, &c:
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

J. M. Dalton, Esq:,
Sup'd't. Branch Mint,
Dahlonega, Geo:

Working Dies for [illegible] Branch U.S. Mint, for [illegible]

Dies "B" containing dies and Gold dollars, setting gauge and specimen planchets.

Cents Nos. 1 2	being	3 Heads	Half Eagle.	In pairs.
" " 3	"	3 Reverses	do.	
" " 4, 5	"	3 Heads	Quarter Eagle.	In pairs.
" " 6	"	3 Reverses	do.	
" " 7, 8	"	3 Heads	Gold Dollars	In pairs.
" " 9	"	3 Reverses	do.	

From T. L. Smith Esq
1st Auditor
Treasury

Respecting a lr in the
A/c for 1st Qr 1834 of Dahlonega Br Mint for Sweeps
delivered by M & R in
1833,

Nov 29. 1834

Directors Answer
enclosed

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
November 28th 1854

Jas Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the A.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

In the account of Silver Bullion of the Metter & Refiner at the Dahlonega Branch Mint for the 1st Quarter 1854 he claims credit "for 1696 3/8 lbs Sweeps at 14 p. pcs lb: delivered by him in the year 1853 and ordered by the Director of the Mint to be allowed as a credit to this account Ozs: 204,081 $237.48".

In as much as the Metter & Refiner received credit for the maximum allowance of wastage in his Silver operations in the year 1853 and sufficient wastage to make good his gold account also

I cannot without further explanations see the propriety of the transaction and beg you will at your earliest convenience advise me on the subject

Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
J. L. Smith

Auditor

November 29, 4

Sir,

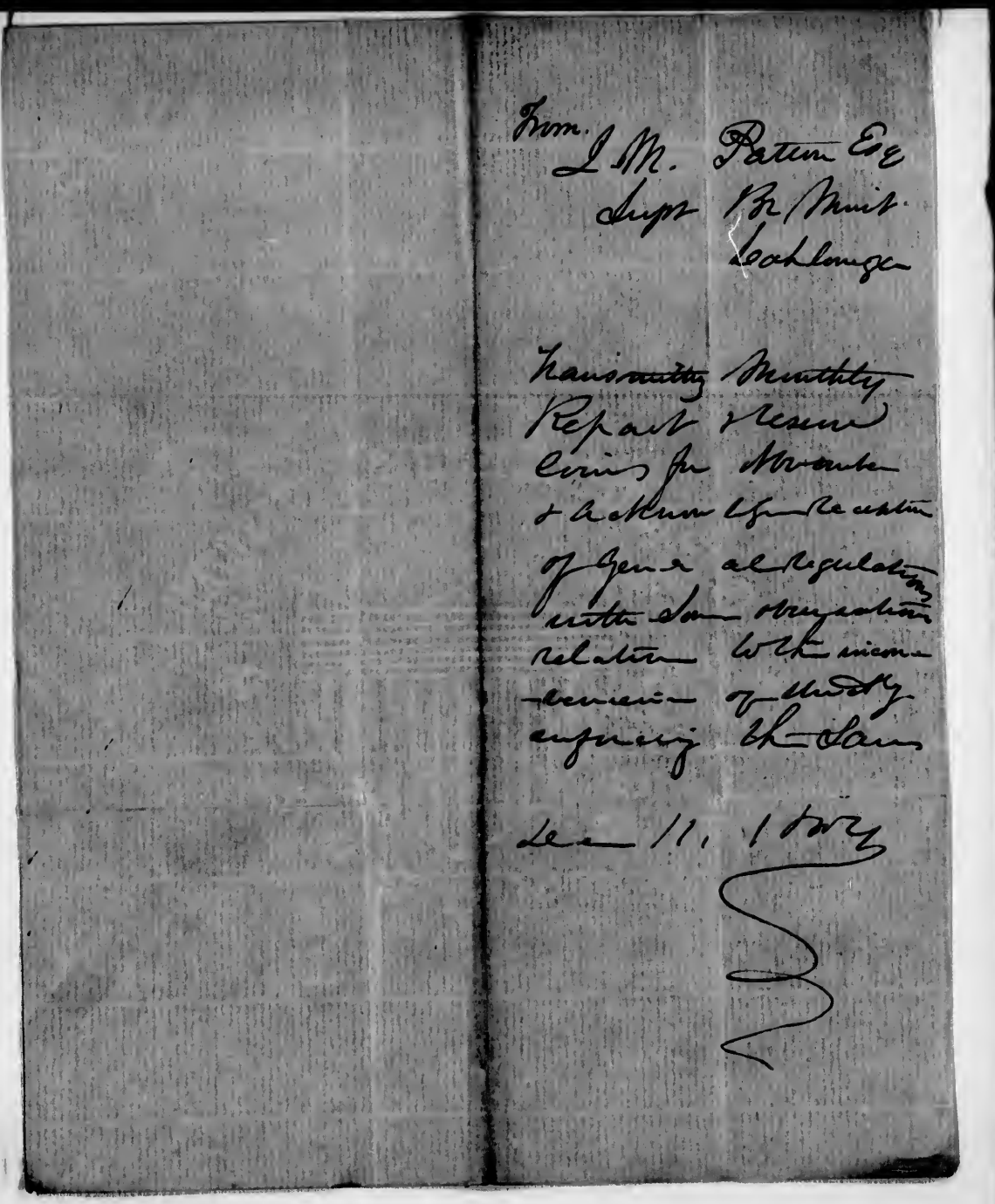
I have received your letter of the 28th inst. in which you desire an explanation as to a credit to the Melter & Refiner of the Branch Mint Cahlonsga in the account of Silver bullion for the 1st Quarter 1854, "for 1696 1/3 lbs Sweeps at 14 c. pr. lb delivered by him in 1853 and ordered by the Director of the Mint to be allowed as a credit to this A/c oz: 204 84 $237.48."

At the close of 1853 after the Melter & Refiner of that Branch had delivered up all the Silver bullion in his possession, there was a balance against him of $302.79. The legal allowance for Wastage on the bullion delivered to him during the year was $65.31, reducing the above balance to $237.48. It appears that it had not been the practice at this Branch to credit the Melter & Refiner for the Sweeps delivered by him to the Treasurer, and therefore, [illegible] he had not been credited with the Sweeps delivered by him during the year 1853. As these Sweeps had been mixed with those which had accumulated during previous years, it was impossible to ascertain the precise amount of the same. The Superintendent estimated the same at 1640 lbs which at 14 1/2 cts pr lb would yield $237.80. From the information furnished to me, I was perfectly satisfied that the Melter & Refiner was entitled to a credit for this Amount, and the

Superintendent was instructed to credit
him with the same in the Settlement of his
account of Silver for 1853.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant
Director.

T. L. Smith Esq.
Examiner of the Treasury
Washington City.



From. J. M. Patton Esq
Supt Br Mint
Cahlonga

Transmitting Monthly
Report & reserve
Coins for November
& acknowledging receipt
of General Regulations
with some observations
relative to the incon-
venience of strictly
enforcing the same

Dec 11, 1867

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 1st Dec. 1854

Sir —

I have the honor to forward a Report of receipts of Bullion & Coinage executed at this Branch for the month of November just closed; also Package No 11 of Coins reserved for the annual Assay, with a statement of its contents.

Yours of the 24th November, containing a statement of Dies forwarded for the use of this Branch in 1855, was received to-day; and also your letter of the 24th ultimo, covering "Regulations for the Mint, its Branches and the Assay Office".

I will take pleasure in enforcing those regulations, so far as they can be made applicable to the operations of this Establishment. As our receipts are not very heavy as regular, it will occur to you that we frequently, for several days together, have no work for the hands; and it seems to me, when this is the case, that a more economical

practice will be to require the workmen to report themselves every morning, and if there is no work for them to do, to permit them to return to their homes, than to keep them in attendance during work hours, doing nothing but, (in the present season,) burning wood.

There are several other points, which, I can perceive, apply with force to such an establishment as the principal Mint — but which I do not believe you would think of putting in force if you were here and acquainted with the daily operations of this establishment.

I make these suggestions with due deference, supposing that I am not required to enforce a regulation, which, in my opinion, will not be promotive of the public interest — I mean so far as the working operations of this Branch are concerned.

If I am mistaken in this view of my duty — I will, upon notification, require a strict conformity to the regulations prescribed.

Very Respectfully Yr. obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint

From.
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt Bd Mins
Leahlonega

Order for Articles

Dec 14, 1854

Order placed in the hands
of Mr Hay
H R L

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 7th Decr. 1854

Sir—

You will please have the following articles forwarded for the use of this Branch—
100 Nests German Crucibles—(a year since the largest size sent would not hold much more than a pint—we will need some a size larger.)
12 Blk. Lead Pots No 16.
12 do. do. do. No 30.
150 do. do. Covers for crucibles No 10.
1 Small Box Assay leads.
2 Glass Retorts for Assayer—to hold from 3 to 4 Galls
1 Doz Buck skin Mits—such as the hands need in rolling.

In making my requisition at the close of this Quarter I will ask the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish me with a Draft for $300 payable at Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint &c.

To.
L. M. Patton Esq
Supt Bd Mint
Dahlonga

Ack. receipt of
Assay Coins & Report
for November.
Astoregulations
& the difficulty experienced
in enforcing the same

Dec. 11, 1854

December 1854

December 11, 4.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 18th inst. with the enclosure stated, and also a package containing the coins reserved at your Branch during the month of November for the Annual Assay.

As regards the regulations transmitted on the 24th ult. and the difficulty of enforcing several particulars of the same, I have to state that the difference existing in the organization, force &c, between the Mint and the Branches thereof, was fully appreciated and considered by me in preparing the same & I endeavoured as far as possible to so frame them, that they could without difficulty be applied to the government of the Branches as well as the principal Mint. In view however, of the facts presented in your letter, you will use your own discretion as to the attendance of the workmen at times when there is no work for them, and in all other particulars you will please enforce the regulations with as much strictness as may be convenient, having due regard for the public interest, and the convenient and economical dispatch of the business of the Institution under your charge.

I am, very Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director

Lt. Patton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint, Dahlonga.

To.
J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. Pr. Mint
D. Ahlonga

Order for Articles

Dec 14. 1854

December 04, 4.

December 14, 4

Sir,

I have received your [illegible] of the 8th inst. and in reply have to state that the subject of an appropriation by Congress of a sufficient amount to construct a fire proof [illegible] for your Branch Mint Building, will receive my [illegible] [illegible] meantime you will [illegible] possible precaution against the destruction of the same by fire.

I am very Respectfully
Yours [illegible]
[illegible]

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
Charlotte
N. C.

Statement Sale of
Snaps Lahlonga
Br Mint.

$2140.57 amt
recd by Director for
Tres U.S. Mint

Dec 15, 1854

Account Sales of 18 barrels of Gold & Silver Sweep belonging to Branch Mint, Dahlonega, sold in London by Dr. Jos. W. Farnum, Agent for the U. S. Mint

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Net proceeds received from Dr. Farnum as per his account sales hereunto annexed £476.6.11 at 9 p.c. ——— $2307.63

Deduct charges paid by D. Sturgeon, Treas. at the U. S. Mint, viz.

Drayage —	$2.25	
Insurance from Phil.a to London (pro rata)	49.67	
Freight from Dahlonega to Philad.a	115.14	167.06
Net proceeds ———		$2140.57

Mint of the United States
Treas.r's office Phil.a 15 Dec 1854

Dan.l Sturgeon
Treas.r

Received, Philad.a 15 Dec. 1854, of D. Sturgeon, Treas.r of the Mint, Two thousand one hundred and forty $^{57}_{100}$ dollars, net proceeds of Sweep sold for account of the Branch Mint Dahlonega, as exhibited in the foregoing statement.

Mint of the United States
Director's Office.

Jas. Ross Snowden.
Director.

Account Sales of 18 Barrels of Gold & Silver Sweep p "Anna", from Philadelphia, for account of the Hon. Daniel Sturgeon, Treas.r U.S. Mint.

U.S. Mint, Philada		Eighteen Barrels.						
		Cwt. grs. lbs.						
		70. 2. 25 Gr.						
		7. 3. 5 Tr.						
		62. 3. 20 Net Q						
		£8.1.9 p Cwt.				£508	18	8
		Charges.						
		To pro rata of Freight & Primage	6	13	9			
		" Fire Insurance	0	16	3			
		" Lighterage do.	0	17	3			
		" Entry & Agency	0	2	2			
		" Postgs. & Petties	0	7	5			
		To Lighterage, &c.	0	18	6			
		" E. & W. I. Dock Co's. charges	5	0	2			
		" Commission & Guarantee 3½%	17	16	3	32	11	9
		Net proceeds, Cash.				£476	6	11

E. E.

London, 15th Nov. 1854.

Jos. W. Farnum.

To. G M Patton Esq
Supt. Br Mint
Dahlonega Ga

Charges on Deposits &c
Disposition of Sweep
Dies, for 1834
Weigh scales,

Dec. 16th 1834

Mint of the United States
Phil.a Dec. 16th 1853.

Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst. has been received,

The form of abstract sent you was for the purpose of showing how the 4 per cent premium on the silver parted should be added to the net value of the deposit, the charge of 5 cents per ounce for parting alluded to by you is the rule at this Mint, and it was made use of in the specimen of abstract to illustrate more clearly the calculations you were to make in order to dispense with the necessity of paying in silver dollars for the silver parted from the gold deposits. You will therefore adhere to the rule you have observed heretofore viz. charging 10 cents per ounce gross for said parting,

The sweep you have on hand, you will send to Dr. Jos. H. Farnum, care of Messrs. Baring & Brothers, London,

Before answering your enquiry as to being able to obtain a suitable pair of scales for your Branch, I have to request that you will let us know what kind you wish and how heavy you wish them capable of weighing,

Your Dies for 1854, are nearly

and will be forwarded in time to reach you by the 1st prosimo,

I am very Respectfully

James Rdsp. Snowden.
Director

J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
Dahlonega
Ga,

To. L. M. Patton. Esqr.
Supt. Br. Mint
Lahlenga

~~Account of pro~~

Sale of Sheeps.—
Amount of proceeds.—
disposition of the same

Dec 18 1834

2.140.57
2.74
$1.903.09

December 15, 4.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a statement of the sale of eighteen Barrels of Sweeps in London, belonging to your Branch by Dr. Geo. W. Farnum, agent for the U.S. Mint, the net proceeds of which amounts to $2,140.67, which sum has been paid to me by the Treasurer of the Mint as per receipt attached to the above statement. From information hitherto furnished by you it appears that these sweeps were several years in accumulating, and that they were not irregularly delivered by the Melter & Refiner, and that previous to the year 1853 he had received no credit for the same at which time he received a credit of an amount sufficient to bring his allowance for wastage within the limit allowed by law. Now as these sweeps were a part of the bullion with which he had been charged, and for which he should have been credited at least once during each year, but which not being done, except for the small amount in 1853 as above mentioned had to be covered by a sufficient allowance for wastage in the general settlement of his account, the proceeds of the same over and above the estimate of sweeps in 1853 properly belong to the Government and may be added to the U.S. Bullion fund at your institution or passed into the Treasury of the U.S. The latter course is perhaps preferable, and if for convenience you desire it to be done here, I can make the transfer for you. No further steps will be taken until I hear from you on the subject. You will oblige me by stating the precise amount charged to the Treasurer and credited to the Melter & Refiner on sweep account for 1853. This amount I will pay to your account here, on advice of which you may from the ordinary fund at your Branch hand over an equivalent to Gold Coinage which will be charged therewith, Gold Bullion being credited.

I am, very Respectfully,

Director.

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint Dahlonega

From / Supt. Branch Mint, at
Dahlonega, Ga:
Dated 21 Dec: 1854.

Recd. Decr. 28/54.

Transmitting Draft for $300. - for credit to his Branch.

Dies for 1855 forwarded 24 ults: not yet received.

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 21st Dec. 1854

Sir —

Enclosed find Treasury Draft for $300. payable by Asst. Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, which you will please place to the credit of this Branch.

The package of Dies, forwarded on the 24th ult. by Adams & Co's Express has not yet come to hand: & I have not had any notice of its arrival at any point on the Rail Road. If I knew at what place it could probably be found, I would send a Special Messenger for it.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

To/ Supt: Branch Mint, at
Dahlonega, Ga:
Decr: 27th:, 1854.

Rescinding my instructions of 23 inst. relative to modification suggested by 1st. Auditor in Assayer's reports, agreeably to letter recd from auditor this date.

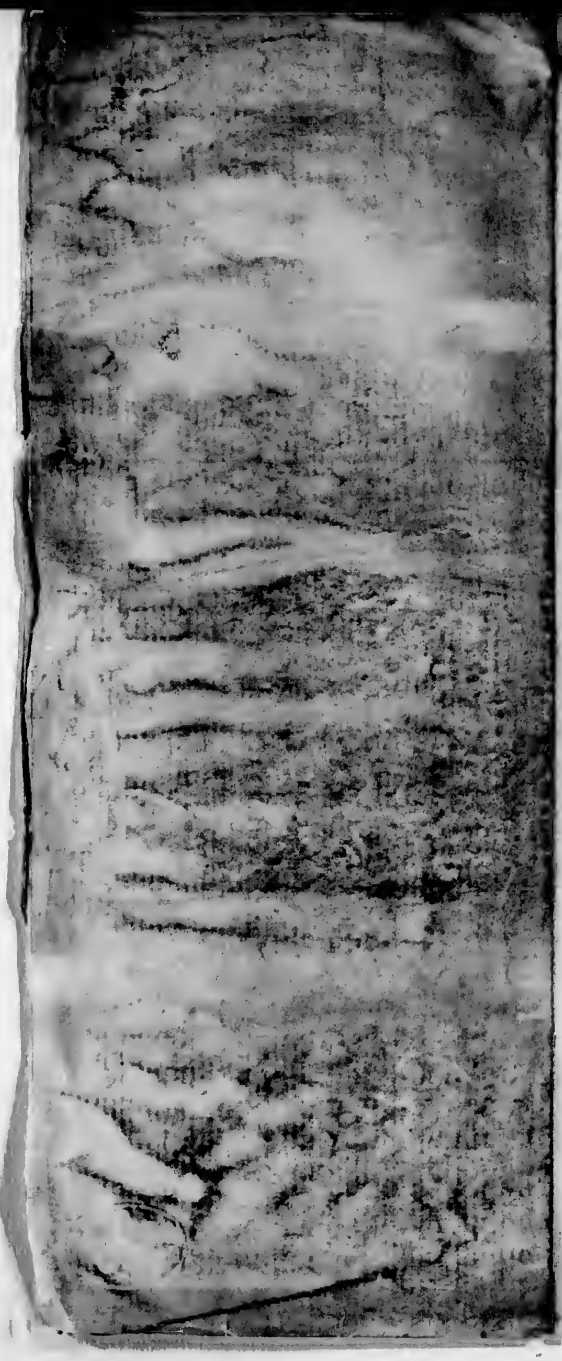
December 27th. 44.

Sir:

I am informed by letter received to day from the Ist. Auditor of the Treasury Department, "that "the Assayer's Reports from the branch Mint at Dah- "lonega have always contained the entries which you were directed by my letter of the 23rd inst. to have made upon them hereafter. You will, therefore, have those Reports prepared and furnished to the Auditor's Office in the form in which they have heretofore been rendered, without regard to my instructions referred to.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c:,
James Pollock
Director.

J. M. Patton, Esq:,
Supt. Branch Mint,
Dahlonega, Ga:



To / Supt: Branch Mint.
Dahlonega, Ga:
Dec: 30, 1854.

Dies for 1855 are detained at Savannah where they will be immediately forwarded.

December 30th. 4.

Sir:

Upon the receipt of your letter of the 21 inst: informing me that the dies prepared for your coinage during the next year and forwarded by me on the 24 ulto:, had not reached your institution, I handed it to Adams &co: who undertook to deliver them, and by telegraphing along the line, they ascertained that the box containing the dies was at Savannah, whence they immediately gave direction to have it forwarded to your branch; where it has, probably, arrived at this writing. I shall be pleased to learn of its safely arrival.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c:
James Ross Snowden
Director.

J. M. Patton, Esq:
Supt: Branch Mint,
Dahlonega, Ga:

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES MICROFILM PUBLICATIONS

To/ Elisha Whittlesey, Esq.
Comptroller,
Jany 3, 1855.

As to proper disposition of proceeds from sales of branch Mint Dahlonega &c. &c. - upon case stated.

January 31st. 05.

Sir.

In the course of many years operations there has accumulated, at the Branch Mint, Dahlonega, a considerable amount of what is technically termed "Mint sweeps"; that is a residuum of dirt, ashes, melting pots, &c, apparently valueless, but containing minute proportions of precious metal, recoverable by the operation of smelting. This sweep I directed to be sent to London for sale, as the most available means of realizing the proceeds, and the net amount derived therefrom, viz: $2,140.57 is now in my hands.

At this Mint, the Melter and Refiner's sweep is when delivered up by him is Assayed and an estimate is made of the standard bullion contained in it, with which he is credited, the Treasurer standing charged until he is reimbursed by the proceeds of sales, any deficiency being charged to "Profit and Loss". At the Dahlonega Mint I understand this course not to have been pursued, except with the sweep of last year, for which the Melter and Refiner was credited and the Treasurer charged $20,148 for this account the Treasurer's bullion fund has therefore a claim to reimbursements, from the net proceeds as above stated.

But there still remains the sum of $1903.09, unspecifying the disposition of which it is proper that I should instruct the

Superintendent. As it will ultimately be requisite, however, that this question should come before you, in the adjustment of his accounts, it appears to me that it will be more satisfactory to present the matter to you now, with a view to obtain your opinion, so that there may be no difficulty hereafter with regard to it.

At first view it appears that this sum, of $1908.09, thus fortuitously derived, is one of those profits which, under the Act of March 4, 1853, c. 97, are payable into the Treasury of the United States. Such, indeed, was my first opinion. But upon further considering the matter it would seem to be incorrect thus to dispose of these proceeds. As I have mentioned, the Melter and Refiner (and Coiner) had not been charged anything with the bullion contained in this sweep (with the single exception mentioned), although it now appears that in the course of years, the credit should have been the sum now derived, $1908.09. As a consequence of this deficiency of credit, it follows that the Wastage account in each year, had been stated at an unnecessarily large amount, and settled and adjusted on an erroneous basis. The effect of such error had been, primarily, an overcharge to the "Profit and Loss" A/c., and ultimately to the "Ordinary Account."

Upon a proper and equitable system, therefore, the ordinary account of that Branch Mint should have been $1908.09 richer by a diminution of wastage to that amount, than it is under the system which has been followed. Under such circumstances, it seems to me, that the proper disposition of that amount is, first to credit it to "Profit and Loss," and then transfer it, with the balances of that account, to the Ordinary Fund of the Branch Mint.

If you should acquiesce in this course, it will save the necessity of an appropriation to meet a deficiency of means in the current fiscal year, of about $1500., and inasmuch as, if such an appropriation should be required it will be necessary for me to request it with the least possible delay, you will oblige a favor by informing me, whether the briefest time which may be convenient, whether or not you coincide in the views which I have expressed.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Elisha Whittlesey, Esq.,
Comptroller, &c.,
Washington City.

From & To
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
Leah Lange

Enclosing Annual Report

Several Statements &
assay Coins for Dec
2d as to M & Re Sweeps
as to $1000 for
purchase of Bullion

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Rec Jan 15. 1855

Mr Fields Letter
Enclosed Herein

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega Ga. 8 January 1855

Sir—

Enclosed please find Report for the Year 1854 & also monthly report for December — & several statements & reports required to be presented through you to the Treasury Department — I also forward package No 12 of Assay Coins with a statement of its contents — and an estimate for the Year.

The Report to the Secretary "of the general condition of this Institution" &c — may not be such as is contemplated by the regulations. It is general in its terms, & as a report for each month of the financial condition of the establishment had just before been required, I suppose I have met the requirement of this latter regulation. If however I have not, I will thank you to notify me thereof. After allowing the Melter & Refiner his allowance for wastage and

his Silver acct – he is still $196.88 behind.

He has nearly 1500 lbs of dumps – which are doubtless sufficient to bring up his acct but for reasons stated in a letter to me, which I forward to you, he has declined to make a formal return of them at present.

You will perceive from one of the Statements intended for the Secretary that the Mint is indebted to the Contingent Fund $1,000 – for Silver Ballion purchased in 1838 – & this amount has been reported in every Balance Sheet prepared since that time. On the present Ordinary Expenses a/c. the balance in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint is $1,079–50/.

I cannot perceive any good reason why the Mint should not pay Contingent Fund this $1,000.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt

A. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

U S Br Mint M. & R. Office
Dahlonega 8th Jany 1855

Julius M Patton Esq
Supt Br Mint Dahlonega

Sir it will be remembered that for the year 1853 two samples of Sweep then on hand comprising the Sweep of that mixed with that of several other years was sent by order of the Director to the Mint in Philadelphia which proved by the assay there to be of the value of No. 1 $0.425
and No. 2 " " $0.296
making an average of .36 cents pr lb Avoirdupoys the Gross value of the same Sweep sold in London was about .31 cents pr lb and by the assay from the same Sweep here only produced about .14 cents pr lb I regard it impossible to make a correct assay of Sweep here for these reasons 1st that we cannot get a sufficient high degree of heat to make the Sweep then enough from Char-coal having no Stone coal
2nd that our chimnies are not high enough to make sufficient heat

being only some 40 feet in highth

Respectfully

John D. Field Jr

Melter & Refiner

Julius M. Patton Esq
Supt.
Present

To
Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington DC

Sir Letter.

Enclosing Statement
of Expenditures at
Mint & Branches
for 4th Qr 1854

also Monthly &
Qr Report of
the Examination
of Books &c &c &
General Condition
of that Br

Jan 15, 1855

January 14th. 5.

Sir,

In compliance with the Act of March 4, 1853, c 97, I present herewith a quarterly statement of the expenditures of the Branch of the Mint of the United States at Dahlonega, Ga. for the 4th Quarter 1854.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

January 15, 5.

Sir,

I present herewith a report of the Superintendent of the Branch Mint Dahlonega of the Monthly examination of the Books, Accounts &c of that institution, made on the 30th ultt in pursuance of the General Regulations lately prescribed with your Sanction for the government of the Mint & its Branches, also, a quarterly Report of the General condition of that Branch at the close of the 4th Qr 1854. made in compliance with the requirements of the above regulations.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
Jaimes Rose Snowden.
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

From & To
L M Patton Esqr
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonga

Samples of Sheet Forwarded, but not rec^d.

assays of Specimens of ores to be continued

May 24. 1835.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, January 15th. 1855.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the inst. with the enclosures stated & also a package containing the coins reserved at your Branch during the month of December for the Annual Assay.

The Reports you have presented as required by the General Regulations lately prescribed for the Government of your institution are satisfactory.

The Sweeps refered to in your letter should be thoroughly mixed and a sample of the same sent to this Mint for assay, in this way an estimate can be made of the value of the amount in the hands of the Melter & Refiner. After which the Sweeps may ~~then~~ be delivered to you by that officer & he can ~~receive~~ be a credit with ~~of~~ their value of the same as determined by an estimate based on the results of the assay of the samples sent to this Mint.

With regard to the $1000

With regard to the $1000 worth of Silver now in the refinery and purchased, as I understand, by the Ordinary Fund, I agree with you that the value thereof should be restored to that fund. This may be done in ~~two~~ several ways. Either a draft might be obtained ~~upon London~~ in favor of your Bullion fund for $1000, the proceeds of which can reimburse the ordinary fund, from which time this Silver will belong to the Bullion fund as it properly should; or else, if you can part with the Silver from the refinery, the amount could be realized by receipts here, and then restored permanently to the ordinary fund.

Ranch Mint Dahlonega
16th January 1855

Sir—

John H. Field Jr. our Melter & Refiner, this day forwards to you two samples of his sweep for last year.

No 1 was ground & washed but once
No 2 — — — twice.

It is necessary to keep them separate.

There being considerable research in this section of country for several of the minerals, it frequently occurs that persons apply to us to make some tests of ores—which, when the furnaces are heated up in the business of the Mint, can be done with very little expense or trouble;—and the practice here, as I am informed, for several years, has been to expose their ores to the action of fire & acids, when it could be done without preparing expressly for that business. The applicants would willingly pay a small fee for such service—as there is no other place in all this region of country where there can be a satisfactory test made.

It seems to me that one of the late Regulations prohibits this thing - it says - "no private or extra-official work can be done with or without compensation or reward by any officer clerk or workman".

My excuse for calling your attention to this small matter is that the regulation prohibits us strictly from making any such tests, as it seems to me & the refusal to do ~~[illegible]~~ will produce much dissatisfaction with the applicants and they will charge us with the want of a spirit of accommodation &c. There would not probably be more than a dozen applications during a year.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

May 25. 5.

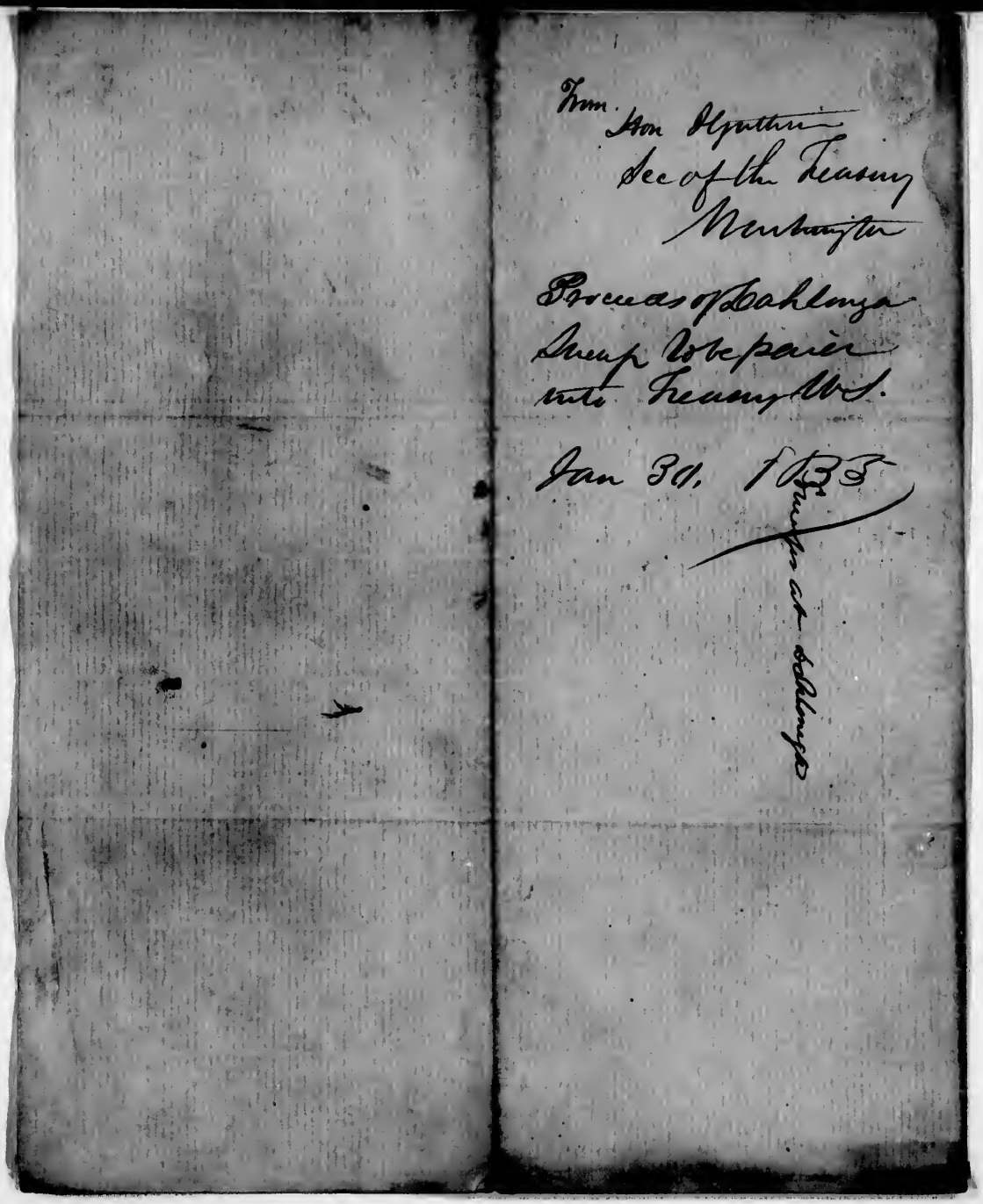
Sir,

Your letter of 16th January last was duly received, and laid aside for reply until the samples of sweep stated to have been forwarded to this Mint on that day should arrive. These samples have not yet been received, and it is fair to infer that they have been lost in transmission.

As regards the subject of testing specimens of ores at your Branch, (referred to in the above letter,) I have to state ~~that, that~~ in view of the reasons presented by you, it will be well to continue to make incidental tests of this kind as has been your custom heretofore, on such terms as you may think proper. I would suggest however, that no charge should be made for the same, unless it be to reimburse the mint for materials.

I am, very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

J. M. Patton, Esqr.
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega



From
Hon Ogulthrie
Sec of the Treasury
Washington

Proceeds of Lahlonga
Sheep to be paid
into Treasury U.S.

Jan 30. 1835

Sheep at Lahlonga

copy

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
Jany. 22. 1853

Hon James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir;

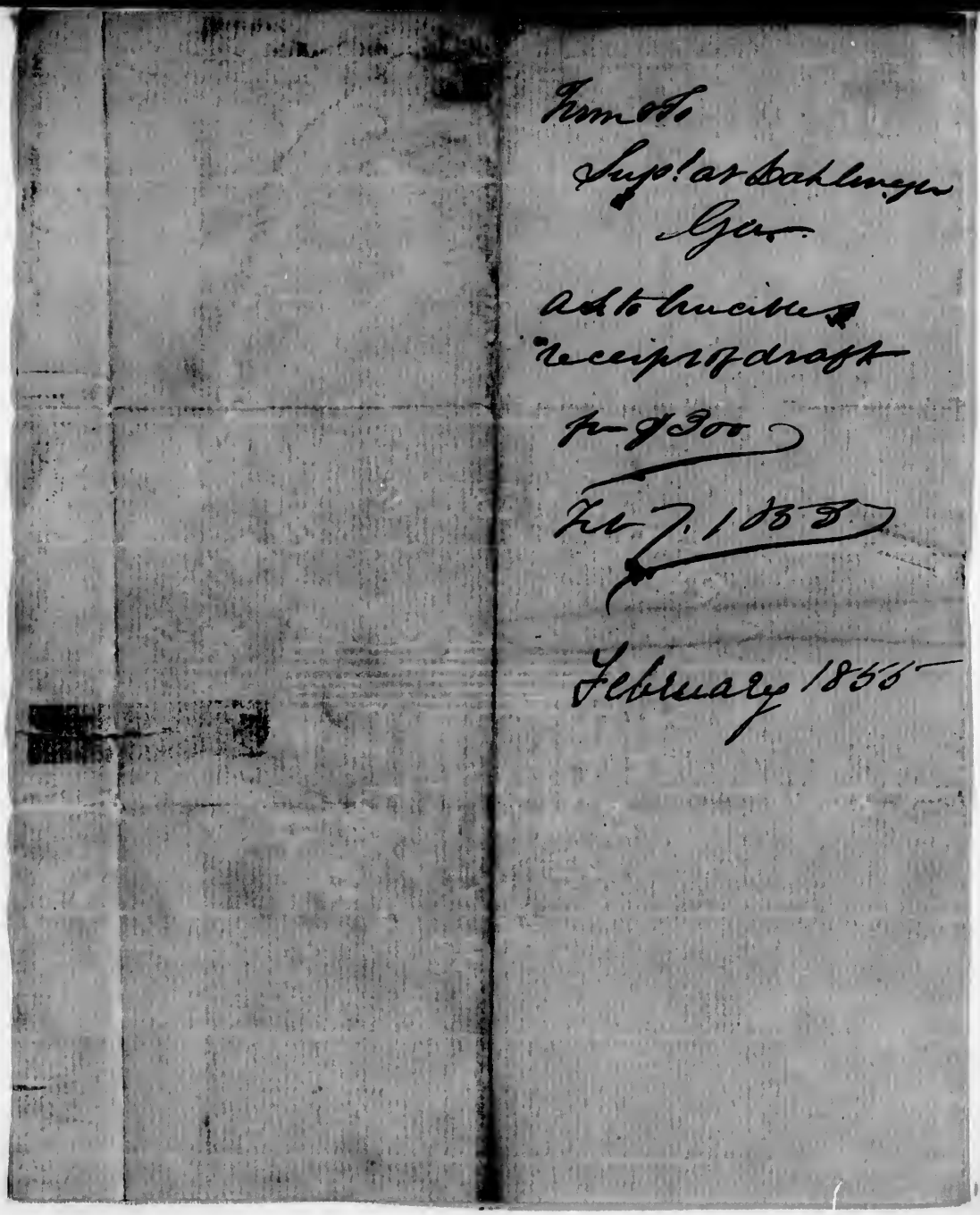
I beg leave to enclose herewith a letter to this Office by James Ross Snowden Esq Director of the United States Mint, in reference to the proceeds of "Sweeps" that had accumulated at the mint at Dahlonega during several years past.

The question presented by the Director is whether the proceeds of said Sweeps are legally payable into the United States Treasury under the provisions of the Mint Law of 3d March 1837, as profits, or to be transferred to reimburse the Advancing Expense account in as much as that amount was called upon at the close of each of said years to pay the wastage of the Coiner and Melter and Refiner, in whose hands said sweeps accumulated, and who would have been legally entitled to credit for their value in the annual settlement of their accounts, had the proper system of account

=cability of those officers been observed.-

The result of a failure to credit the value of said sweeps in closing the accounts of those officers was to increase the amount of their wastage (not however beyond the limits prescribed by the act of 18 Jan. 1837) and consequently to take the ordinary expense account the amount of their value more than was proper.- The Bullion and Ordinary accounts for those years having however been closed, I am of opinion that the first view of the subject taken by the Director is the ~~right~~ correct one, and that the sum thus accumulated be paid into the Treasury as profits to the credit of Miscellaneous Receipts more particularly for the reasons expressed in your letter to the Director of the Mint under date of 26. October last, in regard to the proceeds of Silver Bullion transferred to Philadelphia from this Branch Mint should the sum specified in the last clause of the Director's letter be required I beg leave to suggest that the same be drawn from the balance of appropriations standing to the credit of the Ordinary Expense Account of that Branch, on the Books of the Treasury.- Very Respectfully

Asahel Whittlesey
Comptroller



From & To
Supt at Dahlonegen
Ga.

A.S. to Crucibles
receipt of draft
for $300

Feb 7. 1855

February 1855

Branch Mint Dahlonega
31st January 1855—

Sir—

The articles asked for 7th Dec? last are very much needed, and I do not hear of their shipment.

Hope they have been forwarded before this time— if they have not let me ask you to have them forwarded by express.

On the 21st Dec? I forwarded you a Treasury draft in my favour payable by Asst. Treasurer Philadelphia for $300— Not having received any notice from you of its receipt, I am apprehensive it may have miscarried.

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supt.

James R. Snowden Esqr.
Director Mint
Philadelphia

Feb 7. 35

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 30th ult.

The Crucibles referred to were shipped some three weeks since.

The draft on the Asst. Treas. U.S. at Phila. in your favor for $600 was duly received & the proceeds placed to your credit.

I am, very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
for the Director.

L. M. Patton Esqr.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Dahlonega,

From J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega.

Transmits Assay Coin's
monthly Statement
for January

Feb 14, 1855

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega Ga. 3rd Feb. 1855

Sir—

I have the honor to enclose a statement of the operations of this Branch for the month of January— also to forward Package No 1 of Refused Coins, with a statement of its contents— also a report for the Secretary of the Treasury as required by the general Regulations.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt,

L. M. Pattan
Supt & Treas.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

To.
Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Proceeds of Dahlonega
Sweeps paid into
the Treas. U.S. &c

Feb 5, 1855

February 6, 1855.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ult: with the inclosure stated. In compliance with your decision as to the proper disposition of the proceeds arising from the sale of the Dumps of the Dahlonega Branch Mint, I have paid into the Office of the Asst Treasr U.S. at Philada as a miscellaneous receipt, the sum of $8,905.09, being the net proceeds of the above Dumps with the exception of $257.48, the amount for which the Melter & Refiner of that Branch reamd a credit on Dumps account for 1853, and for which the Treasurer was charged. To avoid confusion in their accounts it will be necessary to return this amount ($257.48) to the Treasurer, to be passed by him to the credit of "Gold & Bullion - changing Gold Coinage thereinto." I inclose the Asst Treasr certificate of the receipt of the above Amount.

It has been customary for the Auditor and Comptroller to address this Office respecting accounts, &c, at the Branch Mints - in this way I was induced to write to the Comptroller as to the above Dumps. Hereafter all such communications will be addressed to the Head of the Department.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington.

To.
J. M. Patton Esqr
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonga

Proceeds of Sheeps
paid into Treas.
U.S.

Feb. 5, 1858

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, February 5, 1855.

Sir,

I received on the 30th ult.o a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury enclosing a copy of a letter to that Officer from the Comptroller on the Subject of the disposition of the proceeds arising from the Sale of the Sweeps of Your Branch, a copy of which I herewith enclose, & ~~have to ask Your attention~~ You will perceive by the last paragraph that they are endeavoring to ~~the concluding paragraph of the same referring to the balance~~ in favor of Your Branch of the Mint, which it ~~you~~ find ~~of Appropriations standing to the ordinary expense account~~ because you can apply to the Department ~~of that Branch on the Books of the Treasury~~.

The Secretary in enclosing a copy of the Comptrollers letter states ~~in accordance with my [illegible]~~ that it is the opinion of the Department that the whole Amount realized from the ~~[illegible]~~ Sweeps should as recommended by the Comptroller, be paid into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt. In compliance with this decision I have paid into the Office of the Ass.t Treas.r U.S. at Phil.a the Sum of $1,903.09 being the proceeds of said Sweeps, with the exception of $237.48 the Amount for which Your Melter & Refiner received a Credit on Sweep Account in 1853 & for which You were charged. This Amount will be disposed of as indicated in my letter to you of the 18th December last. When advised of this disposition You will make the entries specified in the letter just refered to.

I enclose the Ass.t Treas.r certificate

of the receipt of the before stated sum.

I am very Respectfully

Director.

J. M. Patton, Esqr.
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega
Ga.

No. [redacted]

OFFICE of the ASSISTANT TREASURER of the UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, Febry 5. 1855.

I Certify That J. M. Patton Supt. &c. pr. J. R. Snowden Esq. has this day deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Nineteen hundred and three — 09/100 Dollars on account of net proceeds of Sweeps from Rich Mint U.S. at Dahlonega Georgia for which I have signed tri plicate receipts.

[redacted]

$ [redacted]

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

OFFICE of the ASSISTANT TREASURER of the UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, October 4. 1854

I Certify That J. R. Snowden Dir U.S. Mint

has this day deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States,

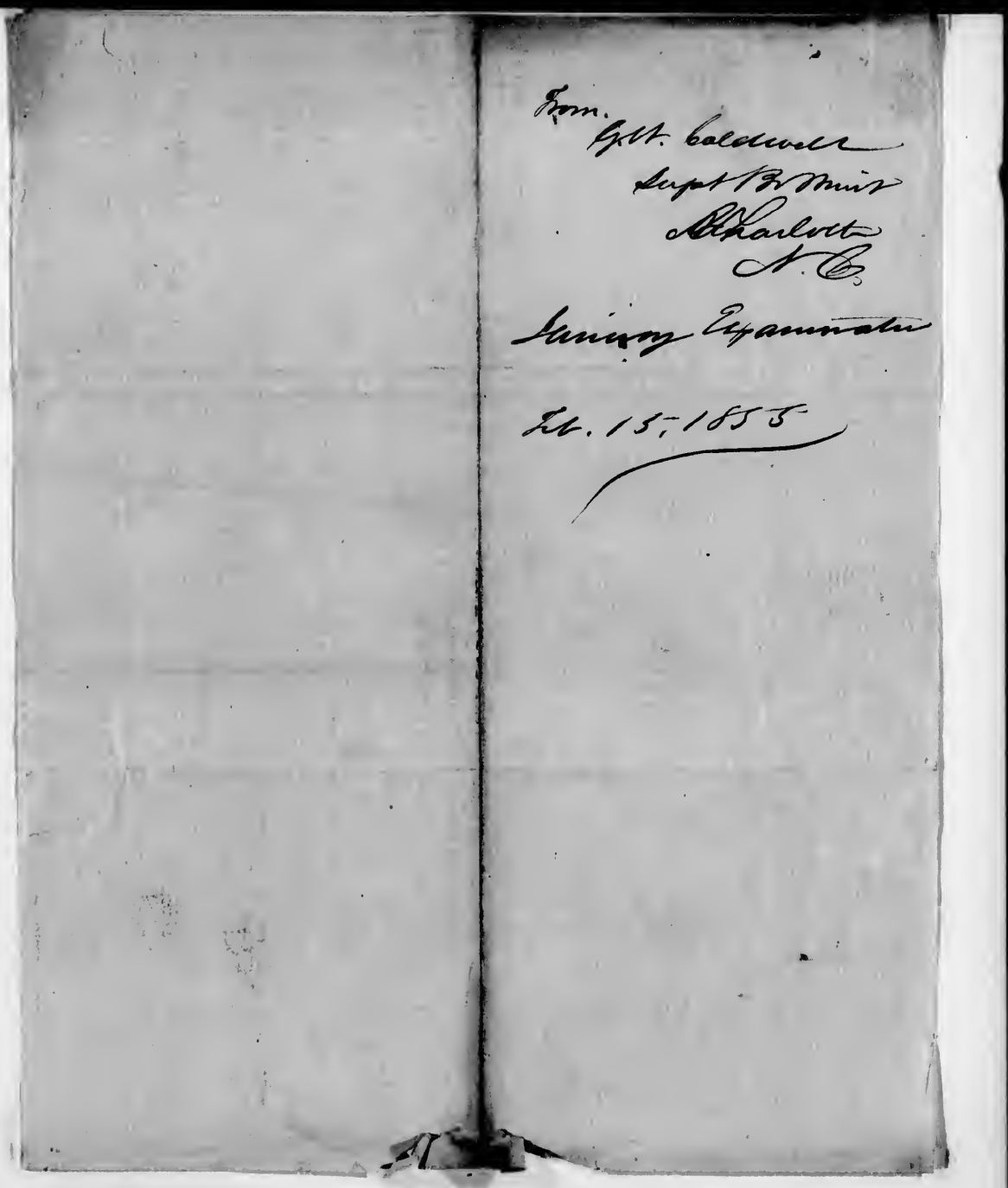
Sixteen hundred & Eighty four 66/100 Dollars

on account of Coast Mint U.S. Dahlonega

for which

I have signed duplicate receipts.

Assistant Treasurer U. S. P.



From.
Gt. Caldwell
Supt Br Mint
Charlotte
N. C.

Janiary Examination

Feb. 15, 1855

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 8th February 1855

Sir

I have the honor of inclosing a statement of the Financial Condition of this Mint on 31 January

Very respectfully
Your Obl. Servt
G. M. Caldwell
Superintendent

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

To.
Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury

Act for a Second Assay
& result thereof of
Dahlonega Gold
&c &c

Feb 14, 1855

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Feb 14th 1855

Sir,

In reference to the proceedings of our annual Apay, the result of which I advised you in my letter of yesterday, I am requested by the Apayer of the Mint to state, that in consequence of the low report, upon the gold of the Dahlonega Branch Mint and the tinge of irid-osmium which was observable on the Apay Cornet, he was induced since to repeat the apay twice and finds, instead of 898.6 thousandths, the fineness of 899.5 thousandths. The second of course cannot be amended, but I would suggest that as it has not been usual to publish these proceedings, such publication, if contemplated had better be withheld in justice to that branch Mint. unless it be to report ~~the~~ general terms, as stated in the proceedings and resolution of the Commission, ~~as stated in my letter, without the specifications on the table which accompanied it~~ that the ~~whole~~ Coinage of the year 1854 of the Mint and its branches was found satisfactory.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Truth Subsert.

Hon. J. Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury

February 14th. 5.

Sir,

In reference to the proceedings of our annual Assay, t result of which I advised you in my letter of yesterday, I am requested by the Assayer of the Mint to state, that i consequence of the low report, upon the gold of the Dahloneg Branch Mint and the tinge of iridosmium which was obser on the Assay Cornet, he was induced since to repeat the assa twice and finds, instead of 898.6 thousandths, the fineness of 899.8 thousandths. The record cannot of course be amended, but I would suggest that as it has not been usual to publish these proceedings, such publication, if contemplated had better be withheld in justice to that branch Mint, unless it be to report general terms, as stated in the proceedings and resolution of the Commission, that the coinage of the year 1854 of the Mint and its branches was found satisfactory.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,

Directo

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City,

To.
Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington

Summary Examination
of Branch Mint
Louisburg

Dec 14, 1855

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85.19
266.58
59.26
728.78

1,139.78
23

$1.162.78

February 4, 5.

Sir,

I enclose herewith a report exhibiting the results of the monthly examination made on the 30th ult. of the Books, Accounts, &c. of the Branch Mint Dahlonega, pursuant to the general regulations lately prescribed for the government of the Mint Branches.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Rose Snowden.
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

From & To
Shipt at Dahlonega

Reports & Assay Coins
for Feb. rec & ack

10. March. 1855

March 1855

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Branch Mint Dahlonega
2nd March 1854

Sir—

I have the honor to forward a Report of the operations of this Branch for the months of February— also Package No 2 of Reverse Coins with a statement of its contents— & a report for the Secretary of the Treasury.

I have received Yours containing the Receipts of Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia for $1.903.19¢ a part of the proceeds of the Specie belonging to this Branch sent to London in 1854. & also the vouchers for payments made on account of this Branch for $33.45¢

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.

C. M. Paton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint

March 10.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 2nd inst: with the enclosures stated; and also a package containing the coins presented at your branch during the month of February for the Annual Assay.

I am, very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden,
Director.

J. M. Patton, Esqr.
Supt. Ga. Mint
Dahlonega

Reserved Coins
No 2 for 1855
at
U.S. Mint
Dahlonega

Branch Mint Dahlonega
2nd March 1855

Statement of the number, denomination & value of the Coins received for the assay test at this Branch Mint during the months of February 1855.

Melt-3- 3 Half Eagles $105.00

J. M. Patton
Supdt & Treas

To.
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt Br Mr
Dahlinger
Ga

Annual Assay
also. as to a/c

March 7, 55

as to Dahlinger
a/c
Charlotte a/c
File monthly statements
New Form for Br Mint a/c

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as b/R Dahlonega
a/c

Charlotte a/c

File Monthly Statements

New Book for B. Mint a/c

M

March 7. 8.

Sir,

The trial made by the Assay Commissioners on the 12th ult. of the reserved coins of your mint for the year 1854 resulted as follows viz: the coins were registered as $605 in value; the legal weight was therefore 32.519; the actual weight was found to be .1 thousandth in excess. The fineness of the bar from the melt of the coins was 898.6 thousandths being 0.4 below the legal standard but within the limits allowed by law, and the trial was therefore considered and reported as satisfactory. In consequence of the low report upon the fineness of your coins as above stated, and the tinge of iridosmium which was observable in the assay cornet, the Assayer of the Mint was induced subsequently to repeat the Assay twice and found instead of 898.6 thousandths the fineness of 899.5 thousandths. The record could not be ~~allowed~~ corrected but the subject was in justice to your Branch explained to the Secretary of the Treasury in a communication from me to that Officer under date of the 14th ult.

I have passed to your credit in my a/c current the proceeds of your Assay coins for 1854, viz: $605, also $237.48 the amount for which your Melter & Refiner received a credit on Sweep a/c in 1853, and retained by me out of the proceeds arising from the sale of your Sweeps. The proper disposition of this amount was fully explained in my letter of 18th December last. These two items amounting to $842.48 added to the balance previously due (viz 266.55) gives $1,109.03 as the amount standing to your credit in the before mentioned a/c

L R S

L M Patton Esq
Supt Bk Mint

To
The Sec. of the Treasury
Washington

Br Mint Lahlinega
Report for February

10. Mar 1855

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, March 10, 1855.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 6th inst.
I have to state that it will be impossible

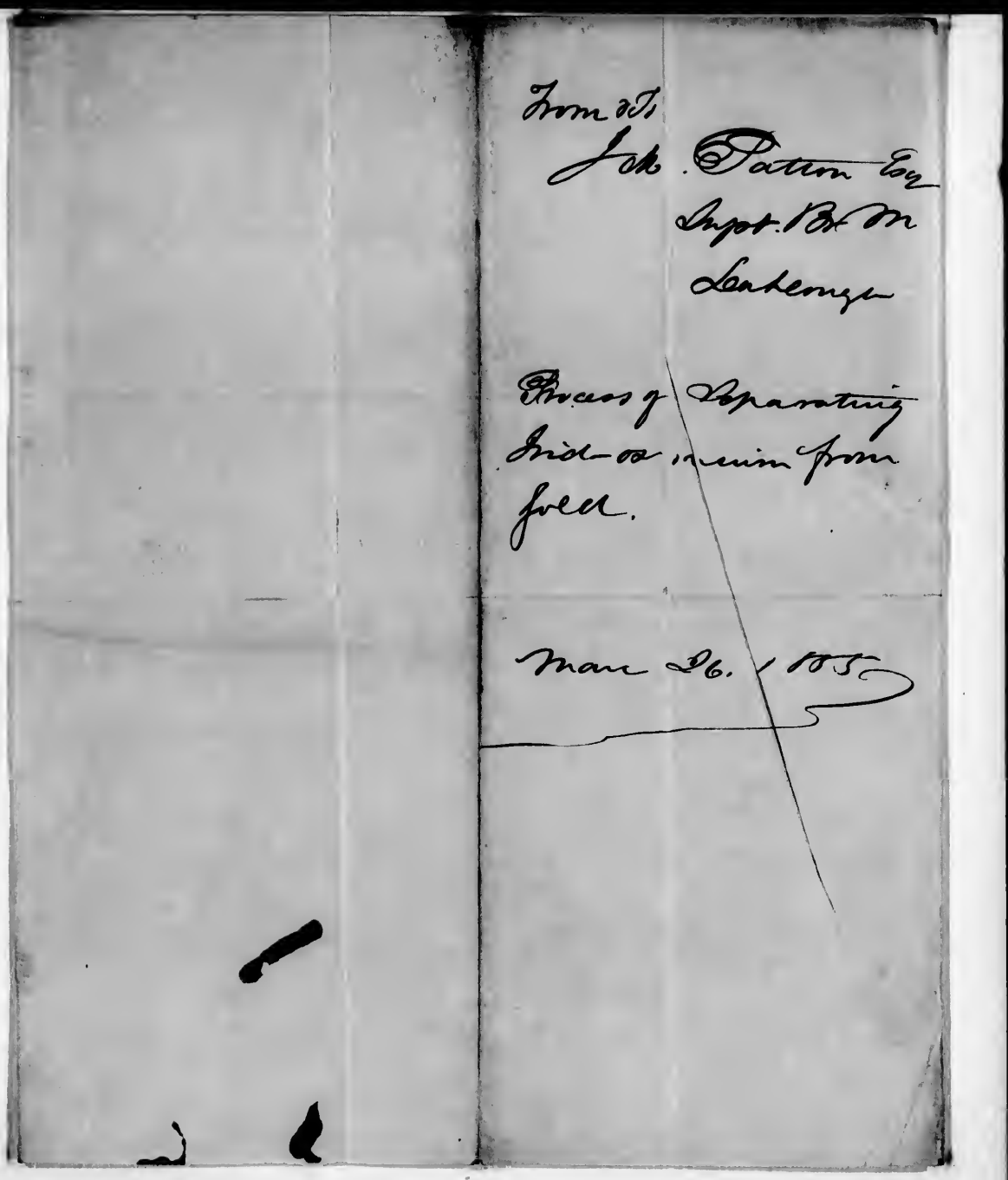
March 10, 5.

Sir,

The enclosed report exhibits the condition of the Books, Accounts &c of the Branch of the Mint of the U. States at Dahlonega Ga. at the close of the month of February.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Rob Snowden.
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City



From & To
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Br. M
Lakeonge

Process of Separating
Iridos mium from
gold.

Mar 26. 1885

Branch Mint Dahlonega
17th March 1855

Sir—

Yours of the 7th Inst. has been received. Your statement of $1109.$\frac{11}{100}$ as the balance standing to the credit of this Branch agrees with my account.

You will please cause the bills for the Crucibles & Bek. Lead Pots to be forwarded to me, if they have been presented for payment;— that I may comply with the request of auditor Smith in presenting my ap for ordinary expenses at the close of the Quarter.

Some weeks since I sent two samples of the Melter & Refiner's sweep to your address, but, I suppose, (as you have not made any mention of it,) that they have not been received.

The parting process, does not, I suppose, separate the metal, irid-osmium, from the Gold— is it the practice with you to extract it— & if so, what is the process?

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supdt.

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint

(over)

P.S. In any future shipments of Goods for this Branch, you will be pleased to have them Consigned to the care of A. L. Chisolm Charleston our late Consignee, — Messrs Chambers Jeffers & Co, having failed recently —

J. M. P.

March 26. 5.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 07th inst.

The Samples of Sweep stated to have been forwarded by you have not been received.

As regards the process of separating irid-osmium (commonly termed iridium) from Gold, I have to remark that it is first separated from melted metal by subsidence and afterwards purified by chemical treatment. It cannot be separated in melting deposits, because it is desirable to pour every trace of metal out of the crucible for the benefit of the depositor. The practice at this Mint may be briefly stated as follows.

When the gold and silver for granulations are melted together, and stirred, the iridium is diffused through the whole mass, but the act of granulating continuing for some time a portion separates to the bottom, and hence we do not dip closely, but allow some metal to remain in the pot. These residues are collected, melted together in one pot, and after being allowed to settle for a time, the metal is poured off, and the iridium left behind. Many of the last residues are after several weeks work or longer collected and again sweated still closer by heat, and this last residue treated chemically to separate the precious metals from the iridium.

2. That portion of iridium which did not settle in the granulating pot, remains with the gold until refined, when in the first or lengthening operation with copper, it is allowed to settle for a short time, and the greater part of the metal being lost, the residues are collected, melted and sweated as before (B) If the Assayer reports its presence in the weights they are again melted, allowed to settle &c &c.

3. The closely sweated residues, first treated in porcelain or glass with nitric acid, to extract silver, and after being thoroughly washed, are next treated with nitromuriatic acid to dissolve gold. The clear solution is poured off, and water being put on several times and poured off, these gold solutions are precipitated with copperas to recover gold. The residue (after pouring off gold solutions) is treated with zinc to recover chloride of silver. After thorough washing the reduced silver is dissolved out by nitric acid and the residue well washed of all dissolved silver. This residue is again treated with nitromuriatic acid to recover the last traces of gold, and the solution reduced as before.

4. The wild osmium now remains impure. To purify it, it is fused in an iron pot with a little caustic potash & saltpeter (or better chlorate of potassa) extracted by water & then by muriatic acid, together with a little nitromuriatic, which leaves the native

alloy nearly pure.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Yours Obt Sr Andrew
Stretton.

J. M. Patton, Esqr.
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega.

From Supdt. Branch Mint.
Dahlonega, Ga.
4 April, 1855.

Enclosing Statement Deposits &c. & reserved Coins for March. Also Several Statements for Secretary of Treasury.

Bill of John Overn for tubes returned as being incorrectly charged to this branch.

Receipt of Bon of Pots which were doubtless intended for another branch.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Branch Mint Dahlonega
4th April 1855

Sir —

Enclosed please find Report for the month of March, also several statements for the Secretary of the Treasury — I also forward Package No 3 of Reserved Coins.

In making up my Ordinary Expense ap. for the Quarter, my attention was directed to the ap. in favor of Mr Oberon for $16.$\frac{05}{100}$ which was recently paid by you & forwarded to me. We never received the tubes mentioned in the ap. — did not need them & did not order them; — consequently they must have been for some of the other Branches & were by mistake charged to this Branch. I return the ap. & receipt of Mr Oberon that the matter may be rectified.

Very Respectfully
Yrs Obt Servt
J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

(over)

P.S. A few days since a Box was received here containing 20 Bbl. Lead Pipe Nos 35 & 40 – (Mostly the latter) We had previously received the whole number which I had requested you to have forwarded – We do not need or use any over 30.

This Box was in bad condition when it reached Charleston, and had to be repaired – I think it probable that the address was defaced – and they supposed it was for this place & remarked it accordingly.

I noticed on one side of the Box it is marked "Case of G & C, Atlanta Ga.

Our goods do not come by Atlanta & hence I conclude that the original address must have been different from what it now is.

I mention the circumstance thinking you may know where it belongs.

To Secretary of Treasury.
April 11, 1858.

Transmitting Reports received
from Supt. Branch Mint Dahlonega.

April 11th: 1.

Sir:

I herewith transmit the usual monthly report of the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega made in compliance with the regulations prescribed for the government of the Mint and Branches; and, also, the usual quarterly report of that Office of the expenditures for that branch during the 1st: Quarter of the current calendar year.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Hon: James Guthrie
Secretary of Treasury,
Washington City:

From / Supt. Dahlonega [illegible]

May 7th / 58

Reports & assay Coins for month of April.

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director &c
Philadelphia

Branch Mint Dahlonega
1st May 1855

Sir—

I have the honor to forward my report for the month of April & package No 4 of Assay Coins & the monthly report for the Secretary of the Treasury.

I have not yet received any acknowledgement of the report & Assay Coins for March.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

C. M. Patton
Supt Br Mint

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director &c
Philadelphia

To
L.M. Patton Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
Lahlonga

Respecting Mr. Overns
Bill. - ~~presented~~ error
explained & present
Statement of a/c &
vouchers

May 2, 1855

May 1855

May 8. 8

Sir,

On examination I find that the implements specified in the [illegible] John Owen lately rendered against your branch, were [illegible] for and sent to the branch at Charlotte N.C. Mr Owen was therefore in error in presenting this bill against your branch. I have caused the error to be corrected in your Account, a statement of which is herewith presented embracing payments made by me to the present date, which exhibits a balance in your favor of $2,009.63. I also enclose vouchers for the items charged.

I am, very Respectfully,
James Rosemondon
Director

J. M. Patton, Esqr.
Supt Bn Mints.
Dahlonega.
Ga.

in Account with the Director of the U.S. Mint Dr.

1858				Dollars	Cts.
March	20	To Cash paid	Murphy & Munroe	4	00
"	31	" " "	Walter Brown	51	40
May	8	" Balance		1,039	63
				$1,125	03

Dr. The Treasurer of the Branch Mint Dahlonega

[illegible]				Dollars	Cts
"	February	14	By Balance as per [illegible]	266	05
"	March	5	" Proceeds of Assay Coins of 1854	600	00
"	"	6	" " (in part) of Stamps	237	45
"	May	8	" Amount of [illegible] of the Obem rendered in error and previously charged with [illegible]	16	05
				$1,125	08

From / I. S. Smith, Esq.,
1st. Auditor.

May 4th., 155.

Discrepancy in Dahlonega
Ac. in the charge made & credit
taken for Sweep sold.

Treasury Department
First Auditors office
May 3d 1855

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

In the adjustment of the Bullion account of J. M. Patton, Treasurer of the Dahlonega Branch Mint for the 1st Qr: 1855, he is charged with the proceeds of Sweeps shipped to London in the year 1854 amounting to the sum of £2040.17/100 and credited by part of the proceeds of said Sweeps paid into the Treasury of the United States by yourself, amounting to £1903.09/100 This appears from the books transmitted and the Profit & Loss account and as no explanation is given showing how the amount last mentioned is arrived at, I will thank you for such information as will explain it.

I am under the impression that this transaction should flow through the "Bullion deposit Profit & Loss account," the items of that account under the laws being payable into the Treasury under the head of Profits when the "Profit & Loss acc" wherein he has debited

and credited the sums aforesaid is reconciled in connection with the ordinary Expense &c—

I will be glad to have your views on this subject and also your opinion as to what are the proper items entering into these accounts respectively with reference to the Branches at Charlotte and Dahlonega

Very Respectfully
Your obt. svt.
J. L. Smith

Auditor

To/ A. S. Smith, Esq.,
1st. Auditor.

May 5th. /55.

Discrepancy between charge and credit for proceeds of troops in the Dahlonega Mint &c. explained.

Mint of the United States
Phila. May 5, 1855.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 3d inst.

As regards the difference between the amount charged to the Treasurer of the French Mint Dahlonega, viz. $2.140.57 being the proceeds of the sale of the Sweeps of said Mint shipped in 1854, and the amount of the same paid into the Treasury of the U.S. viz: $1,903.09, I have to state, that these Sweeps were of several years accumulation, having never been regularly delivered by the Melter & Refiner, who previous to the year 1853 had not received any credit for the same. In that year however he was credited with the sum of $237.48 the estimated value of Sweeps delivered during that year, which amount, was necessary to bring his allowance for Wastage within the limit of law. The Treasurer having thus been charged with the amount thus credited to the Melter & Refiner the same was returned to him out of the above proceeds and constitutes the difference between his debit & credit as stated in the letter.

With regard to your suggestion that this transaction should flow through the Bullion Depositor Profit & Loss Account, I have to remark that the latter account was designed only to embrace the half-per cent for coinage authorized by the act of February 21st 1853. It would perhaps be convenient to include with the same account such profits as under the act of 4th March 1853 may be payable into the Treasury. I may state, however, that in ordinary circumstances there are no profits of this kind, except those on copper coinage at this Mint. The profits arising from this last source are most conveniently accounted for in the copper account. It was only by oversight that the sweep at the Dahlonega Mint enured to the Government as a profit, owing to the fact that in settling the Meller & Refiners account from time to time the Sweep (with the exception before stated) was left unassayed & ~~unvalued~~ was allowed to accumulate in the Treasurers hands. The proceeds subsequently received were consequently a profit, and as such payable to the Treasury of the U.S. This error will be corrected in future; the Sweep being credited to the Meller & Refiner, and charged to the Treasurer as bullion, thus operating to diminish the wastage

account. When sold the net proceeds will be charged to Gold Coinage, and Gold Bullion credited.

I am, Very Respectfully,

T. L. Smith, Esqr.,
First Auditor
Treasury
Washington City

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To Supt: Branch Mint at
Dahlonega.

May 7th: /55.

Acknowledging receipt of reports and Assay Coins pr months of March and April.

May 7th, 5.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst: with the enclosures stated, as also the Coins reserved during April at your branch for the Annual Assay.

The letter forwarding the Coins reserved in March and enclosing the reports for that month was duly received. I delayed replying to it until I could institute an examination in the A/c. with your branch, the result of which is communicated to you in mine of the 8th inst:

Very respectfully,
Yours, &c:—

James Ross Snowden.
Director.

J. M. Patton, Esq:—
Supt. Branch Mint
Dahlonega

From.
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonga

Statement of a/c sent on 3d. ins: agrees with his
Enclosing letter from Act. Treas. U.S. respecting Bullion a/c.

May 21, 63

Branch Mint Dahlonega
14th May 1855

Sir —

I have received yours of the 3rd Inst. with the receipts of Muzzey & Monroe & Cresson & also a statement of my a/c — shewing a balance in my favor of $1.039.63 — which agrees with my a/c.

I enclose an extract of a letter received a few days since from Wm. B. Randolph Esqr acting Treasurer of the U.S.

From it you will perceive that he refuses to admit as items of the U.S. Bullion a/c, the amounts which I have transferred to it from time to time, under your instructions.

That Officer has been a considerable time in entering his objections, as the first transfer was made 31st July 1854.

The Balance to the credit of U.S. Bullion a/c 1st July 1853 was $26.850 — & from that time to 1st Jany 1855, was increased by transfers from Bullion deposit Profit & Loss & Profit & Loss a/c to $3.700.03 — making the balance then $30.550.03 —

The other sum of $1,000. which Mr Randolph says ought to be disposed of, is the $1,000 paid out of the Contingent Fund in 1838 in the purchase of Silver Bullion for refining purposes.

I have, as he suggested, submitted a statement to the Secretary of the Treasury in reference to the matter.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

R. M. Patton
Supdt

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

(Extract.)

Treasury of the U. States
May 4th 1855 —

Julius M. Patton Esqr.
Supt &c Dahlonega Geo.
Sir —

xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

You are charged on our books with $26.850 — being the original amt transferred to the Bullion Ap at Dahlonega, less $3.150 drawn for & paid in September 1846 — & have a provisional credit for the $1.000 drawn for in January which credit will now be confirmed, when you send us a statement to correspond.

The money transferred to your office for the purchase of Bullion, was money in the Treasury at the time of transfer, and it is still in the Treasury, but for a specific purpose & cannot properly be increased by a deposit of money which is to be covered (conveyed) into the Treasury. Hence the $3.700.$\frac{03}{100}$ should not be added to our Ap under present circumstances. But as that and another sum of $1.000 — ought to be disposed of correctly

I suggest that you make a special statement of these items, in appropriate details, to the Secretary of the Treasury, that they may be considered & disposed of

Very Respectfully
(Signed) Wm. B. Randolph
Actg. Dirt.

From & To
Supt Dahlonegan

Order for Acids

May 29. 1855

Branch Mint Dahlonega
24th May 1855

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia —

Sir — You will please direct to be forwarded to this Branch, care of H. L. Chisolm Esqr. Charleston —

10 Carboys Nitric acid
3 do Sulphuric do.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supt.

May 29. 8

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 24th inst.

Your order for acids will receive immediate attention.

I am, very Respectfully,
Saml. Ross Snowden
Director.

J. M. Patton, Esqr,
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega
Ga.

From & To
Supt at Dahlonega
Ga

Reports assay
coins for May
also Sample of Ores

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

May 9. 1855.

Branch Mint Dahlonega
1st June 1855.

Sir—

I have the honor to forward my report for the month of May— & also package No 5 of Reserved Coins & the Monthly reports for the Secretary of the Treasury.

I also forward two packages of Sweeps for Melting & Refining— No 1 ground & washed once— No 2 ground & washed twice.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

June 9. 5.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 1st inst with the enclosed Reports and Assay Coins for the Month of May.

But one of the two samples of Sweeps stated to have been forwarded on the 1st inst. has been received. The other will probably arrive in a day or two.

I am, very Respectfully.
Sam Ross Snowden.
Director.

J. M. Patton, Esqr
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega

Received Coins
at
U.S. Mint Dahlonega
in
May 1855 K
Contained in
Package
No 5.

Branch Mint Dahlonega
31st May 1855

Statement of Assay Coin received for the annual trial at this Branch during the month of May 1855 — towit:

Melt 6 —	2 Half Eagles	$10.00
do. 7	4 do. do.	20.00
		$30.00

J. M. Patton
Supdt & Treas

To.
Hon J Guthrie
Sec Treasury

Enclosing Monthly
Reports of Examination
of Br Mint (Ap) S.F.
& (May) Dahlonga.

June 9. 1855.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, June 9. 1855.

Sir,

I present herewith a report from the Supt. of the Branch Mint San Francisco exhibiting the balance in the hands ~~at the [illegible]~~ of the Treasurer of that Br. on the 30th Apr as determined by an examination made [illegible] to the requirements of the regulations lately prescribed for the

~~The usual~~ A similar Report from the Supt of the Dahlonga Br Mint ~~is a~~ for the Month of May is also enclosed.

June 9, 57.

Sir,

I forward herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cal.ª, exhibiting the balance in the hands of the Treasurer of that Branch on the 30th April last as determined by an examination made that day.

A report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, showing the results of his examination of the accounts, chronicles &c of that institution at the close of May, is also enclosed.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James B. Churchwell.
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

From, & To
Supt. at Lakeonger
June 1855
Respecting Transfer
of Fallen Standing
to Bull Dept Sup
A/c to U S Bullion
A/c

Jun 19. 1855

Request. information
as to Sweeps. Trans-
mit. Assayers
report, also State
balance, 20 Jun 55

Branch Mint Dahlonega
12th June 1855 —

Sir —

From the letter of Wm B. Randolph, acting Treasurer of the U.S. an extract from which I forwarded to you some time since, it seems that he does not consider a transfer by me from "Bullion deposit Profit & Loss a/c. to the "U.S. Bullion a/c", as a "payment into the Treasury of the U.S."

The matters referred to in his letter have, however, been arranged by the issuing of a transfer draft.

Shall I at the close of the present quarter transfer to U.S. Bullion a/c, the balance standing to the credit of Bullion deposit Profit & Loss a/c — as instructed to do last year?

Very Respectfully
J. M. Patton
Supdt.

J. R. Snowden Esqr
Director &c

June 20. 5.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 10th inst.

In reply to your enquiry as to the disposition to be made at the close of the present quarter of the balance standing to the credit of "Bullion Deposit Profit Loss Account", I have to state that, in view of the decision of the Treasurer of the U.S. referred to in your letter, it will not be advisable to transfer the above balance to "U.S. Bullion Account", but to let it stand to the credit of "Bullion Deposit Profit Loss a/c". This balance will be subject to the draft of the Treasurer of the U.S., and you will therefore please inform that Officer, at the close of the present quarter, of the amount standing to the credit of "Bullion Deposit Profit Loss Account".

At any last statement of Account there was a balance due you of $[illegible].60. Since then I have paid St. Lennig 16. the sum of $[illegible], which reduces said balance to $[illegible]. The receipted bill of Lennig 16 is endorsed herewith.

We have recently been able to dispose of our Sumps at the Mint on satisfactory terms and thus avoid the risk and expense of shipments to Europe.

I would be glad to be informed of the quantity of Snaps you have on hand, and your opinion as to the best manner of disposing of them. I may state that as Dr Lamson, consignee therefore has now no consignments to him either from here or New York of Paint Snaps I suppose we could hardly expect him to take charge of the small amount you may have on hand. In your reply you may state how much it would cost to deliver the Snaps at New York or Philadelphia. You will observe by the report of our Assayer which I enclose that your Snaps are of a low value for Ltr.

Very Respectfully
Sam Ross Chandler
Director.

J. M. Patton, Esqr
Supt Br. Mint
Dahlonega

From & To
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonga

July 1855
Reports & Assay Coins
for June. as to
Queeps. - Direct Same
to be sent to Phil^a.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

July 11. 1855.

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 3rd July 1855

Sir —

I have the honor to enclose my report of the receipts of Bullion for the month of June just closed — together with two reports for the Secretary of the Treasury — I also forward Package No. 6 — containing the coins reserved for the annual assay during the month just passed.

As to the disposition of our Sweeps, in answer to your last letter, I have to state that we cannot dispose of them here or in this section for anything approximating their value — and I think we had better try to put them off in the way you did yours at Philadelphia.

There is about one thousand pounds on hand — and it would not cost, I think, more than $25, to deliver them in your city or New York. Very Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt.
James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director &c.
J. M. Patton

July 10, 8.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 3d. inst. with the enclosures stated, and also, the assay coins of your branch for the month of June.

You will please ship at your convenience the scrapes now on hand at your branch, to this City, and enclose bills of lading therefor to me. When received here they will be disposed of as were those of this Mint.

I am, very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint.

L. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint.
Dahlonega.
Ga.

No. 6.

Reserved Coins
at
Bd Mint Dahlonega
in
June 1855

Statement of the number, denomination and value of the Coins reserved, for the annual assay, at the Branch Mint of the U. S. at Dahlonega Ga, during the month of June 1855, & contained in Package No. 6. — Towit:

4 Half Eagles — $20.00

J. M. Patton
Supdt. & Tr.

To.

Hon James Guthrie
Sec Treasury

Enclosing Statement
of expenditures Br.
Mint Dahlonega [redacted]
2 qr. 1855. Also reports
of examination.

July 11, 1855.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, July 11, 1855.

Sir,

The enclosed statements exhibit the results of the monthly and quarterly examinations made by the Supt. of the Br. Mt. D. on the 30, ult. of the books, accounts &c and also "general condition" of that ~~branch Mint Dahlonega~~ Mint, for the month & quarter ending on that 30th ult°. ~~as determined~~

I enclose a monthly & Qr stat of the

ex

Lut. 11. 5.

Sir,

In compliance with the act of March 4. 1850, c. 97. I present herewith a quarterly statement of the expenditures of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega Ga for the quarter ending on the 30th ult:

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

July 10. 5.

Sir,

The enclosed reports exhibit the results of the monthly and quarterly examinations made by the Superintendent of the branch Mint Dahlonega on the 30th ulto of the books, accounts &c, and also, of the general condition of that institution, for the month and quarter ending on that day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Pope Sanders.
Director U.S. Mint.

Hon James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury.
Washington City.

Reserved Coins
at
Bd. Mint Dahlonega
July 1855

Reserved Coins at Branch Mint
Dahlonega in July 1855

5 Half Eagles of Melt 9 — $25.00

J. M. Patton
Supt. & Tr.

From & To
Supt at Dahlonegn
Br. Mint

Reports & Assays
Coins for July
Aug 8. 1855
August 1855

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega 31st July 1855

Sir—

I have the honor to forward a report of the receipts at this Branch for the month of July—also package No 7 of Reserved Coins with a statement of its contents—and a monthly report for the Secretary of the Treasury.

I sent to the Rail Road a few days since, 4 barrels containing the Dep of 1854—will forward bill of lading so soon as I receive it.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Aug. 8, 5.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 30th ult. with the enclosures stated, and also a package containing the reserved coins of your branch for the month of July.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director Mint
P. H. Lindenman
Director Mint

J. M. Patton, Esqr.
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega

To. Hon James Guthrie
Sec. Treasury

Enclosing Dahlonega
Br Mint Report
for July

Aug 8 1855

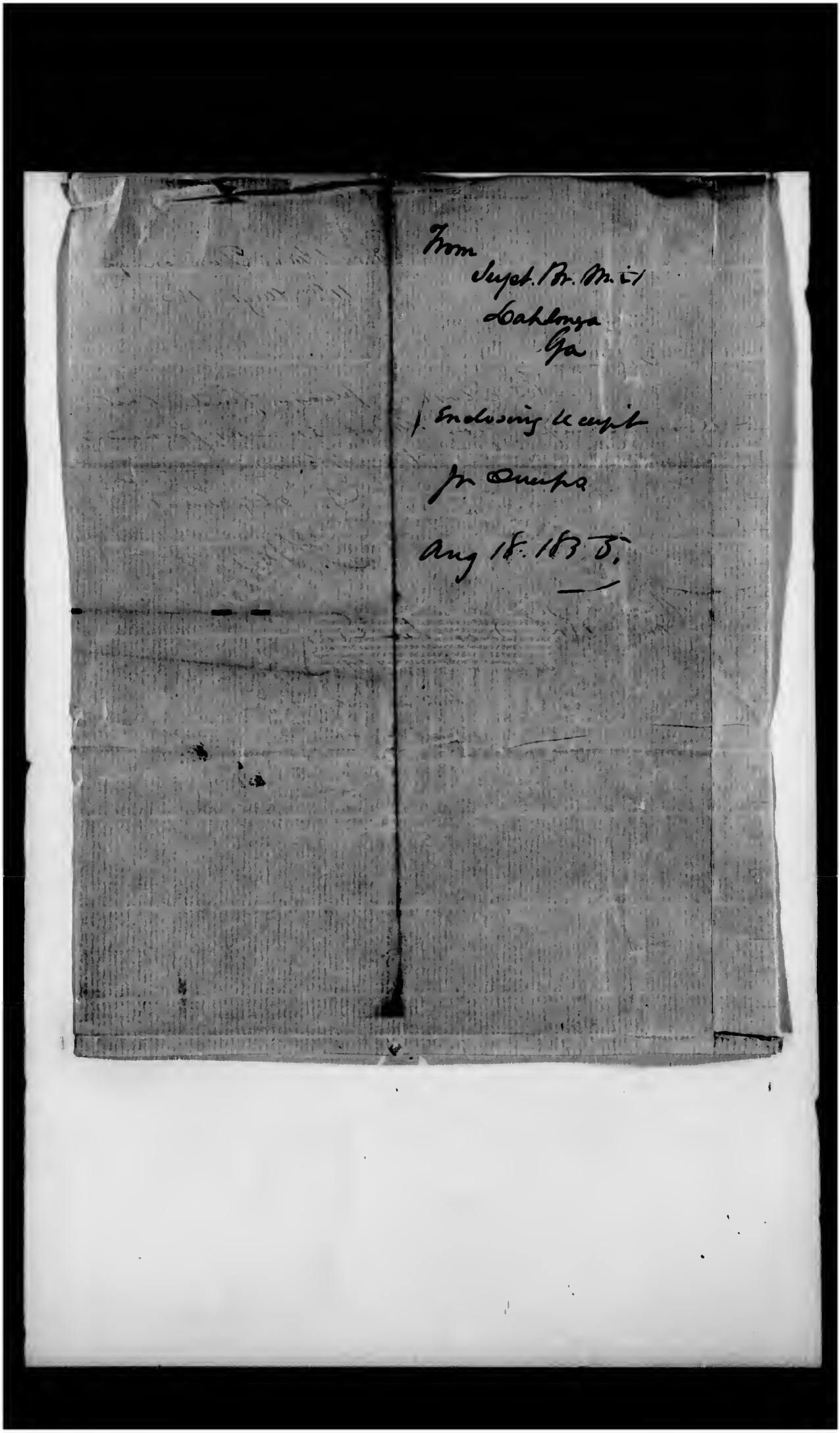
Aug 8, 5.

Sir,

The enclosed report from the Supt. of the branch Mint Dahlnega, exhibits the condition of that institution at the close of the Month of July, as determined by the usual Monthly examination.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful servant,
James Cox Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
R. H. Sinderman
Directors Ass't.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City



From
Supt. Br. M. 51
Lahlonga
Ga

Enclosing receipt

for Quarts

Aug 18. 1835.

Branch Mint Dahlonega
11th Augst. 1855

Sir –

Enclosed please find Rail-Road receipt for Mint sweeps forwarded.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Georgia Rail-Road,

ATHENS DEPOT.

Aug 3d 1855

Received in good order, from the U. S. Branch Mint

4 Brls

Marked

U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Consigned to
W. L. Chesolee
Charleston Depot.

Not responsible for Leakage of Liquids or breakage of Crockery or Glass Ware.

A Grant Agent.

per Son

Jno Supt at Branch Mint
Dahlonega

Sep 10/56.

Transmitting Report for August & [illegible] for Secretary - also statement Package of [illegible] Coins - and estimates for year ending June 30/57.

Letters paper wanted & dies required for year 1857.

Ans - within.

September 1853

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 3rd Sept. 1855

Sir —

I have the honor to forward my report for the month of August also Monthly report for Secretary of the Treasury & Package No 8 of Reserved coins.

I also forward, as requested by yours of the 25th last an estimate of the probable amount that will be required by this Branch for salaries of officers, wages of workmen & other expenses for the year ending 30th June 1857.

You will please cause to be forwarded to this Branch, at an early day, One ream of Filtering Paper, of good quality, such as is used in the Refinery.

We shall need the following dies for the coming year —

3 Heads — Half Eagle
3 Reverses do. do.

3 Heads — Quarter Eagle
3 Reverses do.
3 Heads — Gold Dollars
3 Reverses do.

I beg Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt

J. M. Patton
Supt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

September 10th, 5.

Sir,

Your letter of the 3d. inst. has been received, with the enclosures stated.

The dies required for your next year's coinage will be prepared in due season, and the filtering paper which you request has been ordered and will be furnished without delay.

Very respectfully,

James Ross Snowden
Director.

J. M. Patton, Esq.,
Supt. Branch at Dahlonega,
Dahlonega, Ga.

To Sec. of Treasury

Sept. 10/55

Monthly Report for August
(from Supt. Branch at Oakonegan)

September 1855

Septr 10th, 8.

Sir,

Herewith I transmit to you the usual Report of the Supt: Branch Mint at Dahlonega of the monthly examination made by him on the 31st ult.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yr. Faithful servant:
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secretary of Treasury,
Washington City.
D.C.

From & To
Supt. Dahlonega Br. Mint

Reports & Assay Coins
for Sept. also
orders certain articles

Oct. 10, 1835

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 4th Oct. 1855

Sir—

I have the honor to forward my report of the receipts of Bullion for the months of September just closed—also Package No 9 of Reserved Coins, with a Statement of its Contents.

You will also find enclosed the required report for the Secretary of the Treasury.

You will please cause to be forwarded, for the use of this Branch, care of H. L. Chisolm, Charleston,

13 Carboys Nitric acid
2 do Sulphuric do.
50 lbs Copper for alloy.
100 Nests German Crucibles

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.

J. R. Snowden Esqr
Director &c,

D. M. Patton
Supt

October 10. 5.

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 4th inst. with the enclosures stated, also package No. 9 of reserved coins, with a statement of its contents.

The articles you request, will be forwarded without delay.

I am very respectfully,
Geo. Fox Chandler
Director U. S. Mint

J. M. Patton Esqr.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Dahlonega.

To.
Sec Treasury
Washington City

Enclosing reports from
Dahlonega Br. Mint

Oct 10, 1855.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, October 9, 1855.

Sir,

I have to request that you will issue your warrant, in favor of the Treasurer

Br Mint Dahlonega

Incidental Expenses 314.45

Wages of Workmen 720.00

Sal off Clerks 1,500.00

$ 2,534.45

October 00, 5.

Sir,

I enclose herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint Dahlonega exhibiting the results of the usual monthly and quarterly examination of the books, accounts &c. of that institution for the month and quarter ending on the 30th ult.

I enclose also, a quarterly statement of the expenditures of that branch for the quarter ending 30th September 1855.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant
James [illegible]
Director U. S. Mint

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City

From & to / Supt: Branch Mint,
Dahlonega.

Nov: 2, 1855.

As to articles ordered & sent.

November 1855

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega 27th Oct. 1855

Sir—

In your letter of the 10th September, you state that the filtering paper requested in mine of the 3rd of that month, had been ordered & would be forwarded without delay:— Not having received it or heard anything further from it, you will excuse me for asking you to see that it is forwarded immediately as we are now out of that article.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director &c
Philadelphia

November 2d, 8.

Sir:

Your letter of 27 ulto. with reference to the filtering paper ordered for your branch has been received. In reply I have to state that the paper was shipped on the 14th. ulto: and directed to N. S. Chisolm, Charleston, S. C.; where, I have no doubt, it awaits your order.

The Acid and Copper requested in your letter of 4th. ulto. has also been shipped to Charleston. The crucibles ordered will be forwarded when the vessel laden with them, and now fully due, shall arrive.

I am, very respectly,

[illegible]

Director.

J. M. Patton, Esq.,
Supt. Branch Mint,
Dahlonega.

From the Supt of Br. Mint
Dahlonega

Monthly Reports & Assays
Coins for Oct

Aug. 1855

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 2d. Nov. 1855

Sir —

I have the honor to forward my Report for October, with a report for the Secretary of the Treasury — also package — No 10 of reserved Coin, with a statement of its contents.

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mints
Philadelphia
Pa.

November 4. [illegible]

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 2nd inst. with the enclosed monthly statements and also the [illegible] [illegible] of your [illegible] for the month of October.

I am, very respectfully,
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Esqr.,
Supt. [illegible],
[illegible]
Ga.

Reserved Coins
at
Branch Mint
Dahlonega
Octo. 1855
No 10

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 1st Nov. 1855

Statement of the number, denomination & value of the Coins, received for the annual assay during the month of October & contained in Package No. 11. —
5 Half Eagles of Melt 12 — $25.00

J. M. Patton
Supdt. & Tr.

To.
Sec Treasury
Washington

Act. Examination at
Dahlonega Br.
Mint

Nov 9. 1855.

18 Doz for both hands
balance for both
12 Doz Pairs right
Shift 13 doz right
hand gloves.

24 Dozzen long India Rubber Gloves
6 " Short
4 Reams filtering paper
2 " packing paper
1/2 litmus "

4725
3878
847

15 May

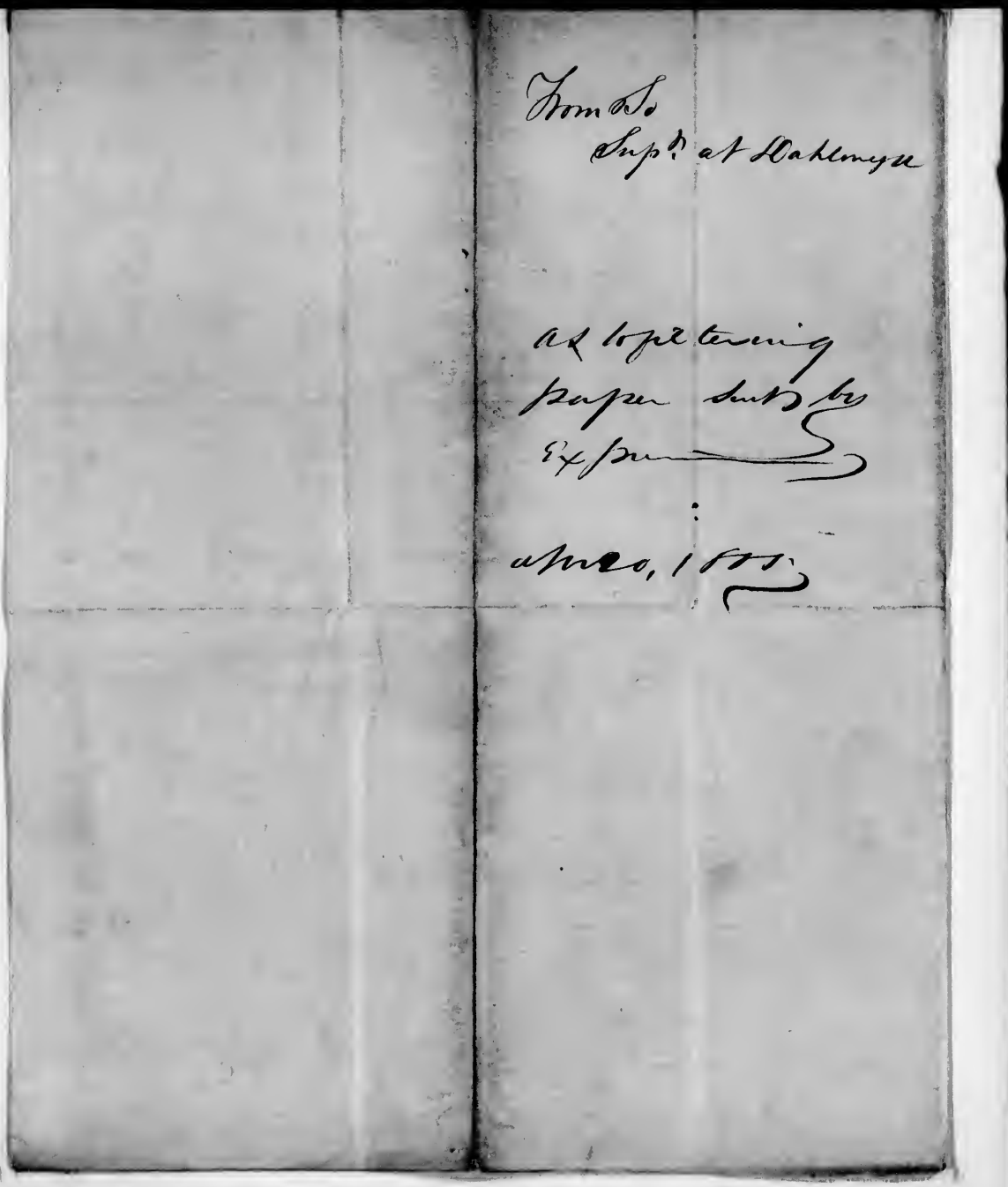
Nov. 9. [illegible]

Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from the superintendent of the branch mint [illegible] exhibiting the results of the natural, [illegible] examination of the [illegible], accounts of that institution for the month ending on the 30th [illegible]

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
[illegible]
Director [illegible]

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.



From Sd
Supt. at Dahlonyee

as to filtering
paper sent by
Express

April 20, 1885

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 14th Nov. 1855

Sir—

The filtering paper which you inform me in your letter of 2nd Inst. was shipped 14th October, has not been heard from — the acid & copper forwarded since has been received — the package of paper has doubtless miscarried. You will please forward me by mail 10 or 12 sheets, which will answer our purpose whilst hunting up the missing package — & you will also please send me 15 or 20 sheets of the printed form of abstract, such as you furnished me with sometime since. We cannot have that form printed here, & the demand for it is so small as not to justify it if we could.

Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
J. McPatton, Supt.

Jas Ross Snowden Esqr
director &c. (over)

P.S. The Melter & Refiner has this day forwarded by Express a Sample of the Sweep for this year, which he begs you will have tested, so that he can be credited for it in his age at the close of the present Quarter.

November 20, 57.

Sir,

I regret to learn by your favor of the 14th inst. that the following papers recently sent you had not yet been received. Fearing that it may not come to hand and that you may experience inconvenience thereby, I send you to day by Express another copy of the same. I also send by the same conveyance the blank abstracts requested.

I will send the "bill of lading" for the missing following papers to day to your Agent at Charleston.

I am, very respectfully,

Director U.S. Mint

Bell. Patten Esqr,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Charlotte,

November 20, 5.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 16th. in St. I have to state that the filtering paper referred to was shipped on the 12th. Sept. last by "Herons line" of Packets. Enclosed is the receipt which was given when the package was shipped,

Very respectfully,

James Rafe Snowden

Director Wel Maint

H. L. Chisolm Esqr,
No. 13. Exchange Str.
Charleston
S.C.a

Charleston Nov 16/53

To the Director of the
Mint at Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I am just in receipt of a letter from Mr J. M. Patton of Dahlonega informing me that you had shipped to my care on the 14th ulto. for the Mint at Dahlonega a package of filtering paper which has not yet come to hand. You will please advise me by what vessel it was shipped, and forward your B.L. for the same & oblige

Yours respectfully

J. L. Chisolm

To,
H. S. Chisolm Esq
Charleston
S. Ca.

Name of vessel
by which box for
Dahlonga Mint
was shipped.

Nov 27, 1855

Nov. 27. 3.

Sir,

The box for the branch Mint, Oahlonega referred to in your letter of the 23d inst. was shipped on the 15th Sept. last pr. Schr. "George Harris".

I am, very respectfully,

James Ross Snowden.

Director U. S. Mint.

H. L. Elsolm Esqr.
Chairman,
Ch. Co.

December 1856

From To

Supt. Dahlonega

Br. Mint

Assay Louis & Mo

Reports

Dec 10, 1855

James Ross Snowden Esqr.

Director of Mint

Philadelphia

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga, 3rd Dec. 1855

Sir

I have the honor to forward report of receipts & Coinage for November, also package No 11 of reserved Coin, with a statement of its contents, and the monthly report for the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. McPatton
Supdt

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Dec. 10, 5.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 3d inst. with the enclosure stated therein, a package containing the assay coins of your branch for the month of November with a statement of their value.

I am, very resp.ly
A.R. Linderman
for Director Mint

D. M. Patton Esqr.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Dahlonega,
Ga.

Returned Coins
at
Branch Mint
Dahlonega
November 1855
No 11.

U. S. Branch Mint,
Dahlonega Ga. 3rd Dec. 1855

Statement of the number, denomination & value of the pieces reserved at this Branch for the annual assay trial, during the month of November just closed, & contained in Package No 11. Coinage:

Melt 13 –	2	Half Eagles		$10.00
do. 14.	3	do.	do.	" 15.00
				$ 25.00

J. M. Patton
Supt. & Treas.

To.

Sec. of the Treasury

Monthly examination
at Fahemyn Br
Mint

Dec 10 1855

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 21st 1855.

Sir,

I have not heard from you in reply to my letter of the 26th ult.o announcing that the medals you ordered were struck and ready to be sent to you on receiving the price of the same, viz. $200.00

18
400.
$2.00

December 10, 57.

Sir,

I enclose a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, Ga, exhibiting the results of the usual Monthly examination at that institution for the Month of November last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful Svt.
H.R. Linderman for
Director U.S. Mint

Hon James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Messrs. Blake & Johnson of Waterbury made a superior pair of rolls some time ago, which they have yet. Call on Mr. Geo. Eckfeldt & see whether those rolls wd. not answer need for the Sahlonega Branch.

a late letter of Blake & Johnson hits the [illegible] at a lower figure than at first.

[illegible] [illegible], write to Mr. B S J. & Co. upon the letter for my signature.

Dec. 28/50

Acquisition for a pair of chilled rolls for the [illegible].

Sam Supt. at Sahlonega

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 21st Dec. 1855

Sir—

I have had a requisition from the Coiner for another pair of Chilled Rolls—of the same size as those furnished last year by J. P. Morris & Co that pair are represented by the workmen as inferior—being so soft, that they sink at almost every rolling.

I enclose a drawing, thinking the moulds of those furnished last year may have been lost or mislaid

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt

J. M. Patton
Supdt

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Messrs Blake & Johnson of Waterbury made a superior pair of rolls some time ago, which they have got. Call on Mr. Geo Eckfeldt & see whether those rolls wd. not answer need for the Sahlonga Branch.

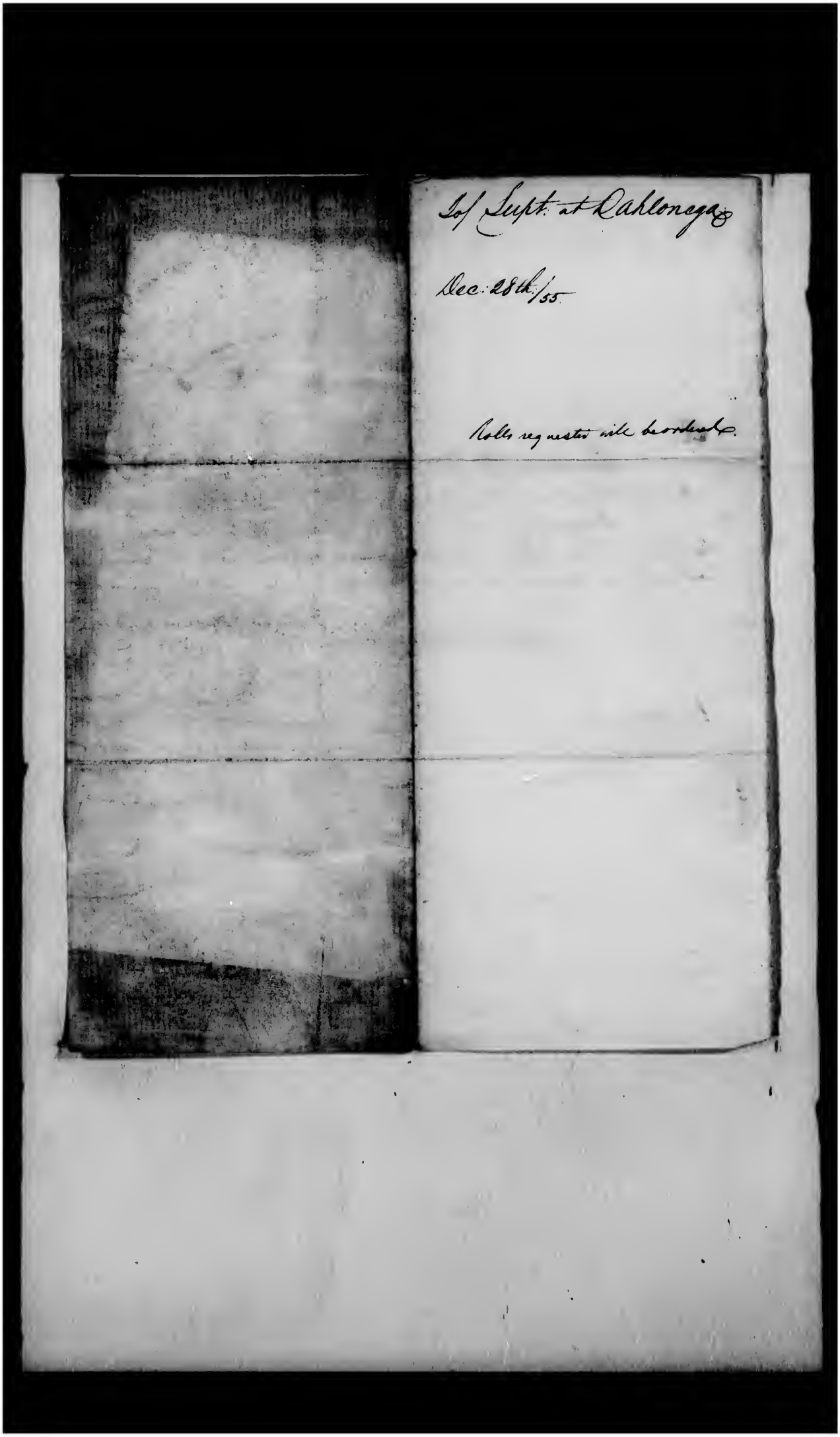
a late letter of Blake & Johnson hints the price at a lower figure than at first.

If they are [illegible], write to Mr. B.S.J. & [illegible] upon the letter for my signature.

Dec. 26/58

Requisition for pair of chilled rolls for the [illegible].

From Supt. at Sahlonega.


To/ Supt. at Cahlonega

Dec. 28th/55

Rolls requested will be ordered.

December 27th, 5.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st: inst: containing a requisition for a pair of chilled rolls has been received.

I regret to be informed of the inferiority of the pair executed by J. P. Morris & Co. for your branch - those now desired will be prepared with care and transmitted when completed.

I am,

Very respectfully, Yours, &c:

Director.

J. M. Patton, Esq:,
Supt: Branch Mint,
Dahlonega -

From Supt. Branch mens
Dahlonega
Dated 25 Dec.

Recd. Jan: 1/55.

Relative to disposition of proceeds of Sweeps of his Branch sold in London. Denies proceeds for ordn. Exps: of his Branch. Encloses statement of deductions made on deposit at his branch.

January 1855

Branch Mint of the U.S.,
Dahlonega Ga. 25th Decr. 1854

Sir—

Your two letters of the 18th Inst. were received to-day.

If it be determined that the proceeds of the Mint Sweeps shipped to London, shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States, I will thank you to make the transfer as you suggest.

The amount with which the Melter & Refiner was credited on his Silver ap. for the return of sweeps last year was $237.48¢

I had hoped that I would be permitted to use this amount, (the value of the sweeps) as the proceeds of a former shipment in 1847 were used — that is by transferring it to the Ordinary Expense ap.

Perceiving shortly after I came to this Office, that, in consequence of the increased expense in account of the increase of refining required, that the appropriation for Contingencies would be insufficient, I sug[illegible]

as you will recollect, that an additional amount be asked for in the Deficiency Bill of the last Session of Congress.

You inquired, if I was permitted to transfer from Profit & Loss to the ordinary expense acct - whether or not the appropriation would be needed - and when I informed you that with that permission it would not be needed - You then instructed me to make that transfer of an amount sufficient to cover the incurred expense. The Treasury Department did not allow the transfer - and the consequence is that the ordinary Expense acct is indebted to the Mint $1.513.08¢. With the proceeds of these sweeps I had hoped to pay the Mint this balance and make some repairs to the Fencing around the Mint incurred, which are very much needed. The fence around the Mint building and the garden is the one first placed here & as a matter of course is pretty well worn out, and a new one needed.

When I came here, I found no water on the premises except the well in the building used for the supply of the Engine.

I had a well sunk, & at this time last year it furnished a good supply of water — but now, owing to the excessive drouth, it is dry.

It has occurred to me that this last well ought to be sunk deeper & a chain pump placed in it — otherwise we are almost powerless in the event of fire — as the well in the building has a plunger worked by the Engine, & we could not obtain any water from it until steam could be got up — & consequently would be useless in case of fire. We have a cistern to collect water when it rains — but that has failed us this season — and the Engine well, which ordinarily furnishes any quantity of water, is so low at present that we can barely get a sufficiency of water from it to carry on the current work.

I notice, from the Books of this Office, that the practice has always heretofore prevailed to transfer the balances from Profit & Loss to the Ordinary Expense a/c. as you directed me to do.

I enclose a copy, as you request, of the rate

of charges to be made on gold deposited which I found in an old Book of instructions furnished at the organization of this Branch.

I am preparing a ~~general~~ statement of the operations of this Branch for the present year, which will be forwarded to you as soon as possible after the 1st of January.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

(Copy)

"The laws and usages of the Mint in respect to deductions from the value of Gold deposits for preparatory expenses.

The Assayer judges whether any deduction should be made upon the deposit and certifies the Treasurer in each case by writing in pencil upon his report.

The charges on Gold deposits are four, viz:

1st For toughening when the metal is too brittle and is above 900.

2nd " For refining when below 900.

3rd " For Silver alloy (now abolished)

4th " — Copper do.

5th " For parting Silver.

In the first case the charge is 1 cent per ounce troy weight.

In the 2nd case the charge is 1 cent per ounce troy; but this charge is not made where the alloy is chiefly an

wholly silver, and where that silver is not separated for the benefit of the depositor.

But if the alloy be in any considerable degree copper or other base metal the charge is made.

In the 3rd case the charge is 12½ cents per ounce of silver alloy required; this charge is only made when the silver alloy already present in the metal falls below 25 Millièmes.

To explain this it must be noted that the typothesis of our Gold coin is:

Fine Gold	900
Fine Silver	25
Copper	75
	1000

(This charge can only rarely if ever be made and

In the 4th Case the charge is 3 cents per ounce of alloy. This is made whenever the fineness is over 900 and under 975.

(Under the present typothesis I have made the charge whenever the metal was over 900, provided the charge would amount to 10 cents.)

In the 5th case the charge is 12 cents per

ounce gross. Silver is not parted for the benefit of the Depositor unless it amounts to $5. after all expenses for parting and allowances for Silver alloy.

No charge is made in any case if it does not amount to ten cents. — The Depositor is not charged for separating where that process is made for the benefit of the Mint."

The amount accruing to this Branch from these charges is a mere trifle annually — and I do not perceive that there is any necessity for suggesting a change.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

B. Mint Dahlonega
25th Decr 1854

To Jno. C. Garry 105 Wood St.
Pittsburgh.

Dec: 28/55.

Asking estimate of cost of Rolls for branch mint Dahlonega.

Mint U. States
Phil.a Dec 18. 1855.

My Dear Sir,
Your favor of the 12th inst was duly received

Henry R. Linderman
H R Linder

December 28th: 37.

Sir:

Enclosed you will please find a drawing giving the size &c: of a pair of Milled rolls desired for the branch Mint at Dahlonega, Geo. They are to be true and hard and well executed in every respect - and to be completed without delay, being required for immediate use. I have to request then you will furnish me with an estimate of their cost and the time requisite for their manufacture.

The drawing sent you will return with your estimate of the price.

Messrs. Morgan Dorr of this city have referred to you as likely to execute the rolls with care and dispatch.

I am very respectfully
Yours &c:

James Ross Snowden
Director Mint U.S.

Mr. John Parry
Pittsburgh, Pa.

From/Supt: Branch mint
Dahlonega:
Dated Dec: 28/54.

Recd. Jan: 4/55.

Dies for 1855, received 27 dec:

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga 28th Dec. 1854

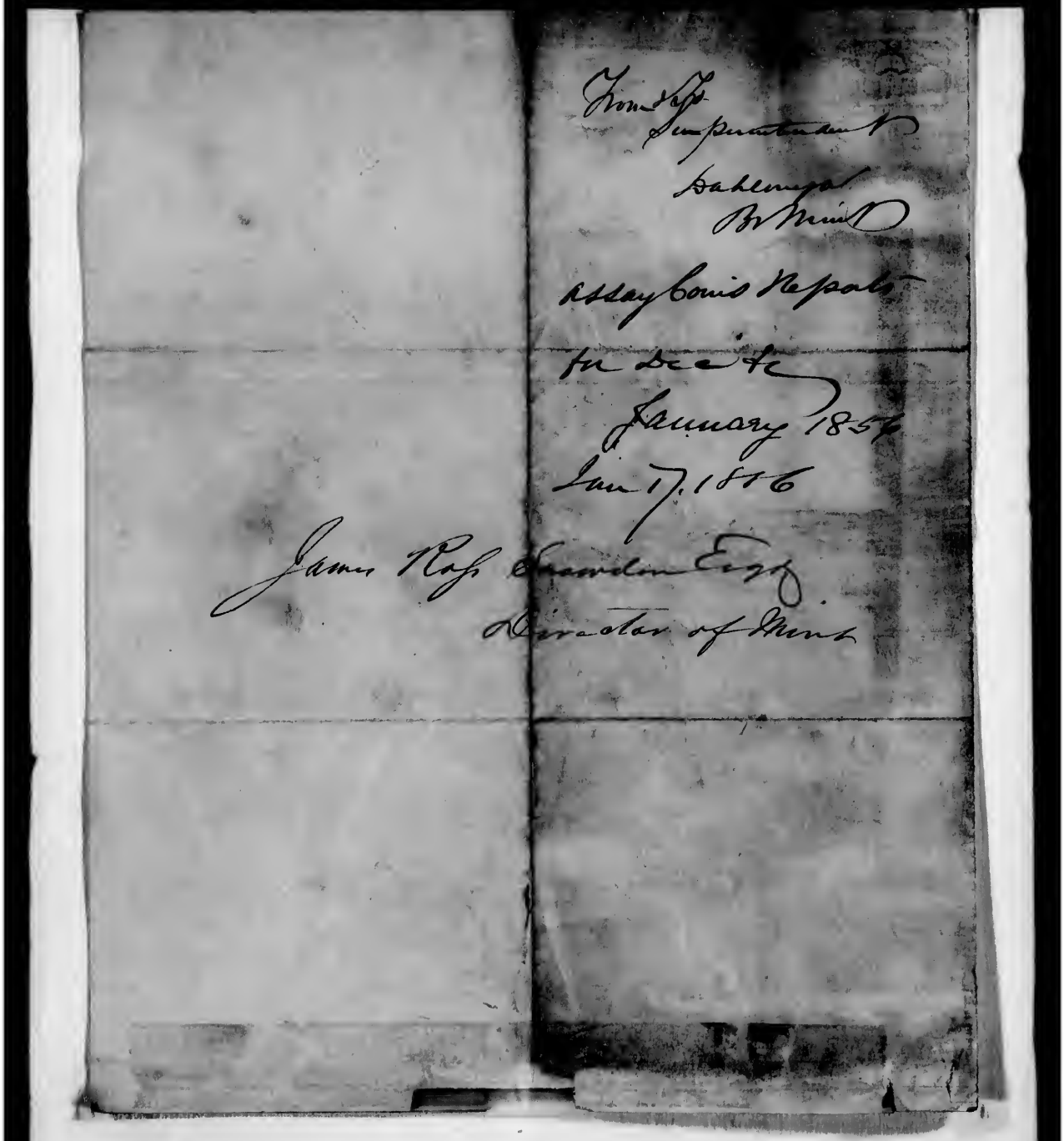
Sir —

I have to inform you that the Box of Dies, forwarded by you the 24th November, was received yesterday

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

C. M. Patton
Supdt.

To James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia



From Jas
Superintendent
Dahlonega
Br Mint

Assay Coins Reports
for Dec &c
January 1856
Jan 17. 1856

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega Ga. 5th January 1856.

Sir —

I have the honor to forward monthly report for December & Summary Statement of the operations of this Branch for 1855 — also Package No 12 of reserved Coins, and the required reports for the Secretary of the Treasury.

I have not heard from the Box of dies since the receipt of Mr Leiderman's letter dated 13th December — I will write by next mail to an agent of Adams Co's at Atlanta & endeavor to have it forwarded.

We are greatly troubled for Silver change, & I think, when you forward the Dollardies, it might be safe to send say $500 in the same way — say $200. each Halves & quarters & $100 — of Dimes.

In sending the next box of dies by Express, please to have it addressed to the care of the agent Dahlonega Express Line at Marietta, Ga — and then I think it will

come through without much detention.

You will please urge the Manufacturers to let us have the Rolls as early as possible — the Coiner says he cannot make dollars at all with the last ones we got.

You will please order one box of Capsules to be forwarded.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt

A. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

January 17. 6.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 5th inst. with the enclosures stated, also package No. 12 of reserved coins with a statement of its contents.

The silver coin you request will be forwarded as soon as they can be coined, say in the course of two or three weeks.

The rolls referred to will be forwarded as soon as they can be properly finished.

I am, very respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director U. S. Mint

L. M. Patton Esqr,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Dahlonega,
Geo.

To the Treasury
Washington City

Enclosing reports
from Dahlgren & Wilmington.

Jan 17. 1856

H.R Linderman

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January 17. 6

Sir,

I enclose a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint Dahlonega, Ga. exhibiting the results of the usual quarterly examination of that institution for the 4th Quarter 1850 also, a [illegible] statement of the expenditures of that Branch for the same period.

I have the same [illegible],

With great respect

Your faithful servant,

James Pollock,

Director Mint

Hon. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

To John C Parry
Pittsburgh
Pa

Order for Rolls
for Dahlonega mint

Jan 25. 1856.

Jan. 25 6

Dear Sir,

Absence from town and other causes have prevented an earlier reply to your letter of the 2nd inst. I have now to request that you will make, as soon as you can a pair of chilled rolls at the price you mention, ($55.).

It will be necessary for you to adhere very precisely to the dimensions stated in the draft, a copy of which you retained, and to make them accurately & carefully.

When completed send them by Penn. R.R. to this city to my address, and pay the freight on them which you can include in the bill. If they are found satisfactory payment will be made soon after they are received here.

Very Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Mr John C. Parry,
Pittsburgh Pa

From & To
J. M. Patton Esqr
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega

Assay Coins & Reports
for January
February 1856

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Feb 8. 1856.

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega, Ga. 1st Feb. 1856

Sir—

I have the honor to forward my Report of the receipt of Bullion and Coinage at this Branch for the month of January, just closed — also a report for the Secretary of the Treasury & Package No 1 of 1856 of reserved Coins, with a Statement of its contents.

Allow me to inquire what disposition has been made of the 4 barrels of Mint Sweeps forwarded to Philadelphia in August last, — also whether or not the Crucibles asked for in October have yet been received?

I think I asked you in my last letter to forward a box of Capels — I intended to do so. If I did I neglected to enter it on the order Book.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
C. McPatton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint &c.

February 8, 6.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 1st inst with the enclosures stated, and also, a package of reserved coins with a statement of its contents.

The four barrels of Sweeps received from you in August last have not yet been disposed of, but will be as soon as convenient, say in the course of two or three weeks.

The crucibles and cupels referred to were forwarded some weeks since. The former were sent by sea, and the latter per Express.

I am very respectfully,

[illegible]

Director U. S. Mint.

L. H. Pedrick Esqr,
Supt. Sr. Mint,
Dahlonega.

To
Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury

Enclosing Mo. Report for
Asst. Treas. Baltimore
Br. Mint

Feb 8. 1856.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, ____ 185

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February 1. 6.

Sir,

The inclosed report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint Dahlonega, exhibits the result of the usual monthly examination made at that institution for the month of January last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
[illegible]
[illegible] U.S. Mint.

[illegible]
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

From & To
T. L. Smith Esqr
Inst Auditor

As to value of Dahomey
Snaps for 1855

Feb. 25. 1856.

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
February 21st 1856

Lad Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury under date of 18th inst., having authorized the allowance of credit, to the Melter & Refiner of the Branch Mint at Dahlonga, of $196.88/100 from the proceeds of Sweeps of the Year 1855, that sum being required to settle his Silver a/c for that year, after the legal allowance for wastage, provided the sweeps returned shall be worth that sum, I will thank you to inform me if the value has been ascertained and the amount thereof -

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Sert

P. L. Smith
Auditor

February 25. 6.

Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst. was received this morning. In reply I have to state that I have no information as to the value or amount of the Sweeps of the Branch Mint Dahlonega for the Year 1855. Samples of the same were forwarded to the Mint for Assay in November last, but the quantity on hand was not stated. It is presumable however, that the amount is equal to the sum stated in your letter viz. $196 [illegible]. It is proper to add that the above Samples have not yet been Assayed in consequence of the dismantled condition of the Melting rooms of the Mint for the past six months.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
H. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

T. L. Smith Esqr.
First Auditor Treasury
Washington D.C.

From & To
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

Assay Coins Report
for February - transmission
of 300 dolls in Sil coins
March 1856

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

March 11. 1856.

U.S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega 3rd March 1856

Sir—

I have the honor to forward a report of receipts of bullion and of Coins made in February also Package No 2 of Reserved Coins & the Area they report for Treasury Department.

From early in January until about the middle of the last month, the weather was so severe that almost all outdoor business was suspended and consequently our receipts have been very light.

You will please cause the bills for the articles forwarded recently, to be furnished me in time for the next report to the Department.

I hope the Dollar dies & the Silver change asked for have been forwarded by this time. We have about 2000 oz Silver bullion more than is needed.

Very Respectfully Yours
J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director &c,

March 11, 6.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 3d inst. with the enclosures stated, also a package containing the reserved coins of your branch for the month of February last.

I have this day forwarded to you per Adams Express Co. $100 in Halves $100 in quarters $100 in Dimes... in all $300. The same will be forwarded to Savannah and there be retained until your order for its transmission from thence to your place is received. Your order for the same may be drawn on the Agent of the above Express at Savannah. I would have sent the coin before this time, had it not been for the inconvenience attending its transmission.

The Dollar dies for your

branch are not yet quite ready. They will however be finished in the course of a few days, and immediately thereafter transmitted to you.

Be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the Coin, and also send me a receipt for it.

I am, very respectfully,
James Pop Snowden.
Director U. S. Mint

J. M. Patton Esqr
Supt. Br. Mint,
Dahlo[illegible]

To. Sec Treasury

February examination at Dahlonega Branch Mint

March 10. 1856

10th March 6.

Sir:

I enclose a report of the Superintendents of the Branch Mints, Dahlonega & Co. exhibiting the results of the usual Monthly examination at that institution for the Month of February last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
[illegible]
[illegible]

Hon. Lewis Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Supt. branch Mint &c
Dahlonega.

Mar: 17th/56.

Transmitting Box of dies.

Adams & Co's receipt enclosed within.

March 17th 6.

Enclosed you will please find Express Co's receipt for one box, containing working Dies for your branch Mint for the current year. The contents of the box are as follows.

3 Heads for Gold Dollar and

3 Reverses do.

the receipt of which you will please acknowledge.

I am, very respectfully,

Yours, &c.

James Rap Snowden.

Director.

J. H. Pallen, Esq.

Superintendent branch Mint,

Dahlonega.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 118 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

Philadelphia, March 17 1856

Received of U.S. Mint

One box and said to contain Dies

MARKED Supt Branch Mint
Dahlonega
Geo

to be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc., UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

Freight,

Insurance,

FOR THE PROPRIETORS, Wm. A. Bell

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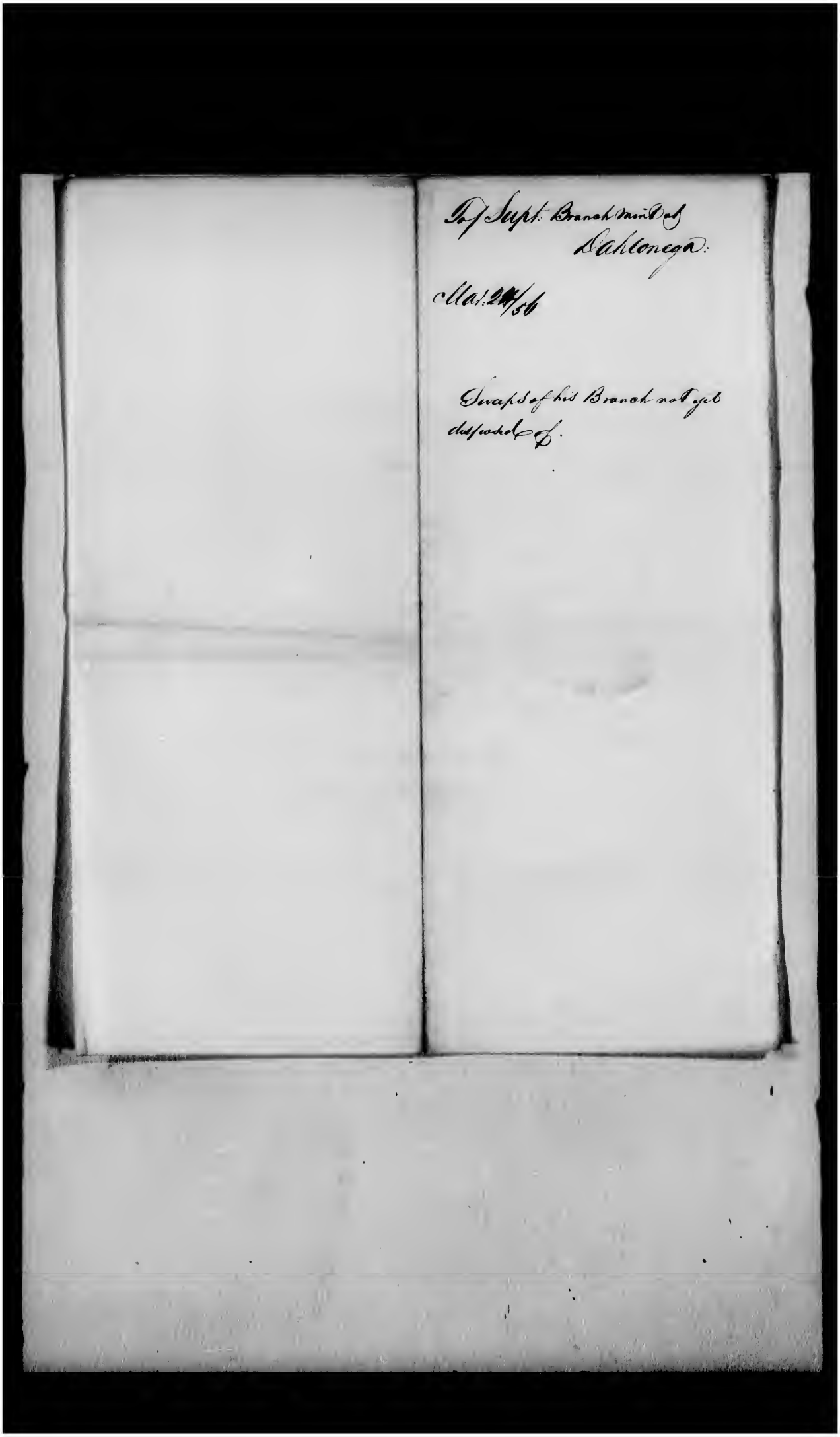

To Supt: Branch mint at
Dahlonega:

Mar: 24/56

Swaps of his Branch not yet
disposed of.

March 24. 6.

Sir:

I had hoped before this time to have disposed of your sweeps, but the repairs being made to the Mint building have prevented the Assayer from making the necessary assay of the same. As soon as this can be done, they will be disposed of with the least possible delay.

I am, very respectfully,
J. R. Snowden.
Director

J. M. Patton Esqr.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Dahlonega.

Copy

From
Supt. Dahlonga
Bro Mont

Charges on
Deposits.

Apr 22. 1856.

(Copy)

Branch Mint of the United States.
Dahlonega Ga. 31st. March 1856.

Sir,

In answer to your favor of the 19th. Inst. asking a Report as to the expenses attending the refining of gold bullion at this Branch, I have to say that I have found it impossible to make an accurate estimate, as the operations are so much mixed up with the Melting, assaying and Coining, but I have endeavored to make an approximation to accuracy to accuracy, and think the conclusions to which I have come may be relied on as sufficient accurate for the purpose for which it is desired.

The expense of refining is greatly increased at this point, by the freight upon the acids, for transporting which the Rail Road charges are excessive.

Refining for 1855 Dr

To Nitric & Sulphuric Acid used	$400.00
Salts, Zinc, Coal, tubs & Repairs of Vessels	100.00
Wages of hands	180.00
Wastage of Gold $21.82 Wastage of Silver $228.12	249.94
	$939.94

Cr.

By Silver obtained & charges for Copper alloy	561.94
Supposed value of Sweep	200.00
	761.94

This Statement shews that the expenses exceeded the value of the Silver obtained and the amount of the charges for Copper alloy & $178.00

The value of Gold Bullion received and refined during the year was $116.662.00 weighing 6.161 25/100 ounces. The Charge of 12 cents per ounce, when the silver is parted for the Depositor together with the

estimated value of the Mint Sweeps would have been about equal to the expenses; — but there was no case during the last year in which the Depositor was entitled to be paid for Silver and consequently the parting was all done for the Mint.

I have also made an estimate of the Expense of Refining for the years 1853, 1854 & 1855 — and it appears that the statement will be as follows:

Expense of Refining for 1853, 1854 & 1855 & the Wastage of Gold & Silver		$5.700
By Silver obtained for Mint & Charges for Copper &c.	$4.050	
" Estimated value of Mint Sweeps for 3 years	750	4.800
Excess of expenses		900

The value of gold received in the 3 years is $649.177.28 = weighing 35.467 Troy oz.

From these two results it seems that the Silver obtained and Charges made leave a small amount of expenses unpaid each year in the refining operation; — and an additional charge of about ⅞ of one per cent would be required upon the value of the gold bullion deposited to meet the entire expense incurred in refining. It is proper to remark that the wastage of Gold for 1854, though within the limit allowed the Melter and Refiner by law, was much greater than has been usual here.

Our suspicions were excited against a hand then in the employ of the Mint — but as I possessed no satisfactory or convincing proof of his malfeasance, I could only dismiss him, which was done at the close of that year.

We have no hands employed alone in that operation; — it is conducted principally by the hand who is the principal in the Coining Department, aided in both operations by the Melter of Deposits and the Assayer's assistant as they may be disengaged.

Four hands only are now employed — the services of a fifth having been

dispensed with 1st January 1855. I am not prepared to recommend any further reduction. The compensation to hands fixed at the organization of this branch, & which has remained unchanged, was $60 per month. The design of fixing the compensation so remunerative, doubtless was to enable the Superintendent to procure the services of men of undoubted reliability. Living in this section is more expensive now than it was some years since and as there is no prospect that it will become cheaper, I cannot recommend any reduction. Any number of men might be employed at a lower rate, but in the end it might cost the Government more than it does at the present rate.

I hope this statement, though necessarily, may be satisfactory

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
(signed) J. M. Patton
Supt.

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of Mints
Philada

(Copy.)

The laws and usages of the Mint, in respect to deductions from the value of Gold deposits for preparatory expenses.

The Assayer judges whether any charges should be made upon the deposite, and notifies the Treasurer in each case by writing in pencil upon his report. The charges on Gold deposits are five, viz:

1. For Toughening when the Metal is too brittle and is above 900.
2. For Refining when below 900
3. For Silver Alloy
4. For Copper Alloy
5. For Parting Silver

In the first case the charge is 1 cent per ounce gross weight.
In the second case the charge is one cent per ounce gross; but this charge is not made when the Alloy is chiefly or wholly Silver and when that Silver is not separated for the benefit of the Depositor. But if the alloy be in any considerable degree Copper or other base Metal the charge is made.
In the 3rd Case the Charge is 1.29 cents per oz. of Silver alloy required.
In the 4th Case the charge is 3 cents per ounce of Alloy—this is made whenever the fineness is over 900. and under 975.
In the 5th case the charge is 12 cents per ounce gross
No Charge is made in any case if it does not amount to 10 cents.

From & To
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega

Enclosing reports &
& Assay Coins for Mar
also requests 12 carboys
of Acid ordered
April 1856

April 8. 1856.

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega 2nd. April 1856

Sir –

I herewith forward my report for the month of March also Package No 8 of reserved coins – & the reports required for the Secretary of the Treasury.

You will please direct 12 Carboys Nitric Acid to be forwarded for the use of this Branch.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt Br.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

To
Sec Treasury
Washington City

Report from Dahlonega
U.S. Mint Ga 1st Qr
1856.

April 8. 1856.

Ex Br. Mint Dahlonega
1st Qr. 1856.

Inc Money Ex	50.16
Wages of Workmen	720.00
Salaries	1500.00
	$2,270.16

From

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mints
Dahlonega

Ack: receipt of Dollar
Dies

April 12. 1886

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega 8th April 1856

Sir —

The box of dollar dies, forwarded by Adams & Co's. Express, has just been received; — containing 3 Heads and 3 reverses

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

To.
Moro Phillips Esq
Phil^a

Order for 12 carboys
N. Acid for Br Mint
Dahlonega

Apr^l 8. 1856.

April, 5, 6.

Dear Sir,

The Director requests that you will ship to the Branch Mint Dahlonega Ga. 12 carboys Nitric acid. When you make the shipment please send bill of Lading to the Superintendent, and present your bill at this office for payment.

Very respectfully,
A. R. Linderman
Directors Clerk

Wm Phillips Esq

To.
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega

Enclosing Bill of
Lading for Chilled
Rolls.

Apr. 15, 1856.

14th Apr. 6.

Sir,

Enclosed I send bill of lading for a pair of chilled rolls shipped to you on the 12th inst. pr Schr. Courier.

I am, very respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint

J. M. Patton Esqr,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Dahlonega,
Ga.

From & To
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt Sh Mint
Dahlonega

Respt. "Regulation
No. 65" &c

May 20, 1886

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 14th May 1856

Sir—

Enclosed is a copy of a Communication received a few days since. Having no such regulation in this Office as the one referred to, I send you a copy to ask that I may be furnished with the regulation No. 65.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

May 20. 6.

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst. with the inclosure stated has been received.

The letter of the Secretary of the Treasury excepting the Bullion accounts from the operation of "regulations" No. 65, refers, I presume, to a printed circular lately distributed to all collectors [illegible] and disbursing officers, requiring a transmission of their accounts, monthly, to the Department. It was expected, on the part of the Treasurer here, that the monthly rendition of Bullion accounts by the Special Treasurers of the Mining establishments, instead of quarterly, as heretofore, was impracticable, and upon this representation the Secretary was induced to except the accounts referred to from the scope of the instructions No. 65. Under the supposition, probably, that the printed circular had been transmitted to you, the letter suspending the operation of its directions in the particular, mentioned, was also forwarded. Of course if you did not receive the circular, it is to be presumed that it is not intended to embrace your [illegible] its influence in any particular.

Very respectfully,

James Reeb Snowden.

Director [illegible]

Copy.

Treasury Department
May 2nd 1856

Sir —

You are authorized to consider the Bullion accounts of the Mint as excepted from the regulations of the 15th for the present — and until the Department can fully investigate the subject.

I am very Respy.
Yr. obt. Servt.
(Signed) James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

Robert M. Patton Esqr.
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

To Secretary of Treasury:

May 9th '56.

Dahlonega Report for April.

May 4th 1[illegible]

Sir,

Herewith you will please find transmitted the usual monthly report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint Dahlonega for April, which was received from that Officer by this morning's mail.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant.

[illegible]
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City
D.C.

From } Supt. at Dahlonega.
and Co }

May 9th/56.

Report & assay coins fd April.

May 1856

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

May 9th 6

Sir:

Your letter of 1st inst. has been received with the [illegible] stated and the Assay Coins received in the month of April.

The Report addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been transmitted to the Department.

I am,
Very respectfully:
J. R. Snowden
Director.

J. M. Sallen Esq.
Supt. Branch Mint,
Dahlonega

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega 1st May 1856

Sir —

I have the honor to forward my report for the month of april — also package No 4 of reserved Coin & the monthly statement for the Secretary of the Treasury.

I have received your favor of the 17th april with the enclosure — my account shews a balance against you of $531.68 — which agrees with your statement.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

C. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

From & To,
Supt. at Br. Mint
Dahlonega

Reports & Assay Coins
for May 1856

June 9. 1856

June 1856

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

U.S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega 2nd June 1856

Sir—

Inclosed please find Reports for the month of May — also Statement of the contents of Package No 5 of Reserved Coins — and the Monthly Report for the Secretary of the Treasury —

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt.

J. M. Patten
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Penn.

Sir, 9th [illegible]

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 2nd inst. with the enclosures stated and also package nos of [illegible] coins with a statement of their value.

I am, very respectfully,

[illegible]

Director [illegible]

J. McPallon Esq.
Supt. [illegible]
Baltimore.

No 5
Reserved Coins
at
Br. Mint. Dahlonega
in
May 1856

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 2nd June 1856

Statement of Coins reserved at Br. Mint Dahlonega in May 1856 for the annual assay trial to be had at Philadelphia in February next

Melt 6	3 Gold Dollars	$3.00
do. 7	2 Half Eagles	" 10.00
		$13.00

J. M. Patton
Supdt. & Tr.

To
Sec Treasury

Enclosing Monthly report
from Dahlonega

June 9. 1856

From & To
Supt. Bor. Mint
Dahlonega

Assay Coins & Mo Reports
for June 1856.

July 9. 1856.

July 1856

James R. Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega 1st July 1856.

Sir –

I have the honor to forward a report for the Month of June, also the required Statements for the Secretary of the Treasury & Package No 6 of Recovered Coins

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James R. Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

9th July 6.

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 1st inst. with the enclosures stated, and also, package No 6 of reserved coins with a statement of their values.

I am, very respectfully,

James Ross Snowden.

Director U. S. Mint

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Dahlonega Ga.

No 6

Returned Coins

at

Rt. Mint Dahlonega

for

June 1856

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 1st July 1856

Statement of the coins reserved at this Branch, during the month of June just passed, for the annual assay-towit:

3 Half Eagles of Melt 8. $15.00

J. M. Patton
Supdt & Tr.

To Sec Treasury

Reports from Dahlonega
for June 1856.

July 9. 1856.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, 9th July, 1856.

Sir.

I enclose herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint Dahlonega exhibiting the results of the usual Monthly and Quarterly examination at that institution on the 30th ult.

I also enclose a Statement shewing the expenditures of the above Branch Mint for the quarter ending June 30. 1856.

Expenditures Br. Mint Dahlonega
2nd Quarter 1856.

Incl	546.38
Wages	720
Salaries	1,500
	$2,766.38

9th July 6.

Sir,

I enclose herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint Dahlonega Ga. exhibiting the results of the usual monthly and quarterly examination at that institution on the 30th ult.

I also enclose a Statement showing the expenditures of the above branch Mint during the Quarter ending June 30, 1856.

I have the honor to be
With great respect.
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of U.S. Mint

Hon James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To
Jno. L. Parry Esq
Pittsburgh
Pa.

Draft presented. Payment declined. Reasons therefor.

July 28, 1856.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, July 21, 1856.

Dear Sir,

Col Snowden returned from Wilkesbarre on Saturday & reports Boyd's Title all right. As the Col goes to Washington to morrow & will see you while then you will have an opportunity of hearing of his examination &c in Luzerne

23d July 6.

Sir,

Your draft on me for $186.93, was presented this morning and I regret to say that I had to decline paying it on account of our ordinary fund being exhausted.

The Rolls made by you in March last (on my order) were for the Branch Mint Dahlonega, against which you will please make out your bill (in duplicate and receipted) for the same, and transmit it to me. It will be paid on presentation, or you may draw on me for the amount a day or two after you have transmitted the receipted bills.

Payment cannot be made for the rolls made recently by you for this Mint, until after Congress passes the appropriation bill. In the meantime, however, you may send me receipted duplicate bills for the same, and I will pay the amount due as soon as the Mint receives any funds.

I am very respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
Per H. R. Linderman
Director's Clerk

John C. Parry Esq.
Pittsburgh Pa.

From & To
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega

Reports &c

Aug 8. 1856.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
August 1856

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U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega 1st Augst. 1856

Sir —

I have the honor to forward Report for July & package No 7 of Reserved Coins — also the monthly report for the Secretary of the Treasury

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

8th August 6.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 1st inst. with the enclosures stated, and also a package containing your assay coins for the month of July last.

I am very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
for Director U. S. Mint

J. M. Patton Esq,
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega
Ga.

No 7

Returned Coins

at

Br. Mint Dahlonega

for

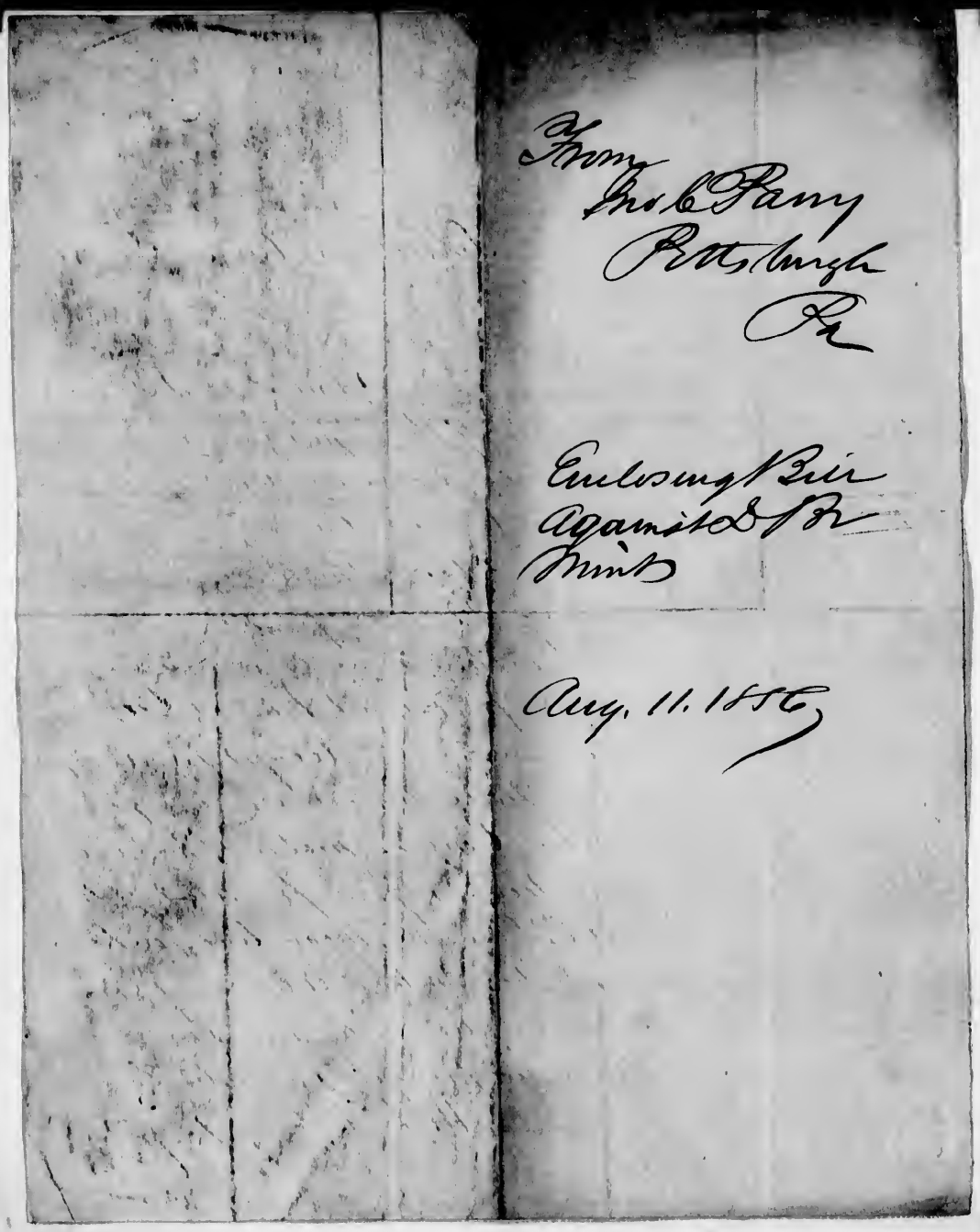
July 1856.

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega 1st Aug.t 1856

Statement of Coins received at Branch Mint Dahlonega during the month of July 1856 for the annual assay trial — viz:

Mint No 9 — 5 Half Eagles $25.00

J. M. Patton
Supdt. & Treas.


From
Jno. C. Parry
Pittsburgh
Pa

Enclosing Bill
Against D. S. R.
Mint

Aug. 11. 1856

Pittsburgh August 8th 1856

James Ross Snowden Esqr

Sir

Yours of 23rd July was duly rec'd. and I am sorry that I put you to so much trouble as I would not have drawn on you if I knew that you were not prepared to meet the draft. I took it you would have the less trouble to pay the whole amt at once — you have enclosed forms of Receipts for me to sign and send on and instructs me to draw on you for amt of the March 27/56 for Branch Mint at Ga. In compliance find enclosed a receipt for amt of the same $56.75/100 and I will draw on you in a few days for the same and when Congress makes appropriation I will send you a receipt in form for amt of Bill of July 11/56 being $60.70/100 in the mean time you have had an opportunity to test my Chill Rolls and if you should need any more please order and I will attend to see that they will be promptly attended to

With respect

John C. Parry
By J. H. Irving

To. Sec Treasury
Washington City
DC

Transmit report from
Bv. Mnst Dahlonega

Aug 8. 1856.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, August 8, 1856.

Sir,

Your favor of the 15th inst. has been received ~~I have to acknowledge your favor of the 5th inst and to state~~ I have to state in reply, that the Medals ~~any~~ you request for the ~~specified by you~~ will be prepared at the Mint, and ready for transmission by the 15th or 20th of September next.

That the necessary order has been given for the manufacturing of the Medals you request ~~be~~ and that the same will be ready for transmission by the 15th of Sept. next.

August 8, 60.

Sir,

I enclose herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, Dahlonega, exhibiting the results of the usual monthly examination at that institution, at the close of the month of July last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obedient servant,
H. R. Lindeman,
for Director U. S. Mint

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

From & To
Supt Br. Mint
Dahlonega.

Transmits reports for August.- also assay coins.- Same acknowledged. Transmit St of a/c & State ~~[illegible]~~ proceeds of Sump. Letter enclosing report of Mr. examination to Sec Treasury endorsed herewith.

Sept 8. 1886.

United States Br. Mint
Dahlonega 2nd Sept. 1856

Sir—

I have the honor to forward statement of the receipt of bullion for the month of August just passed— & Package No 8 of Reserved Coins, with a list of its contents— also a report for the Secretary of the Treasury.

You will please have forwarded the vouchers for the Rolls ordered some time since, & furnish me the amount for which the 4 Parcels of Specie were sold, if they have been disposed of.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt. & Treas.

To/
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

8th Sept. [illegible]

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your [illegible] of the 2nd inst. with the [illegible] stated and [illegible] No. 8 of [illegible]

Enclosed you will find Bank [illegible] for amount of $[illegible] [illegible] which deducted from $[illegible] balance due [illegible] for statement of [illegible] April 11 1855, [illegible] the sum of $474.75 due you at this date.

I advised you on the 5th inst. of the sale of the four Bonds of Swap, [illegible] the [illegible] of the same amount to the sum of $[illegible].

I am, very respectfully,
Sam Ross Snowden.
Director U.S. Mint

L. M. [illegible] Esq.,
[illegible] Br. Mint
Bancroft.
[illegible]

September 6, 6.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch [illegible] exhibiting the results of the [illegible] examination at that institution at the close of the month of [illegible] last.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Rob Snowden,
Director U.S. Mint.

Hon James Guthrie
Secret. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

From
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega
Ga

Leave of absence
granted to Mr
Field Corner

Sept. 9. 1856.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

United States Br. Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 4th Sept. 1856

Sir—

In conformity to the General Regulations, I desire to submit, through you, to the Secretary of the Treasury, a request of the absence of John C. Field Jr. the Coiner at this Branch, & the appointment of Jesse H. Mason, (who is attached to this Branch as a machinist) to act in his place during such absence.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

To
Supt at Br
Mont Dahlonega

Sale of Sneeps - Disposition of proceeds,

September 1856

5th Sept. 1856.

5th Sept 6.

Sir,

I have disposed of the four bands of [illegible] sent to the Mint some time since by you, and received therefor the sum of $360. Before determining what disposition to make of the above proceeds I would be pleased to learn from you whether your Melter & Refiner received a credit for these Lamps at any time and also whether you have been in agreed with them.

I am, very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
for Director U.S. Mint

L. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega
Ga.

To
Sec Treasury

Transmit letter from Supt
Dahlonge Br. Mint
respt. leave of absence
to Mr Field Comer

9th Sept. 1856.

Septr. 9. 6.

Sir -

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, Dahlonega, stating that he has granted leave of absence for a few weeks to John D. Field Jr Coiner of that Branch Mint, and appointed Pilotes H. Mason a workman thereof to act in his place during his absence.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant.
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Hon James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

From & To
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonga

Disposition of
Proceeds of Sheeps
1854

Sept. 19, 1856.

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga.
11th Sept. 1854.

Sir —

Your favor of the 5th Inst. has been received. I enclose an estimate of expenses for the year ending 30th June 1855 as requested. Some repairs will have to be made before long to the Mint building & also to the coal buildings; hence the amount for incidental expenses is larger than would otherwise be required.

In answer to your inquiry in reference to the 4 barrels of Sweeps returned for 1854 & recently sold by you, I have to state, that at the close of the year 1854, The Melter & Refiner having returned all the bullion in his hands, had a balance against him in his a/c for Silver of $196.88 after making him the legal allowance for wastage — that he afterwards returned the sweeps accumulated in the year 1854, & I credited his a/c for Silver that amount

that is $196.88 & charged the same to Profit & Loss a/c intending when the proceeds were received to credit Profit & Loss therewith & charge myself in gold Coinage a/c.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

September 19. [illegible]

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 11th inst. with the enclosure stated.

With respect to the disposition of the proceeds of your Sheeps for 1854 I shall be glad if the course indicated by you can be carried into effect. But some time having elapsed since Profit & Loss account was charged with the amount credited to the Mills & Refuse and all your account for that year having probably been closed, the question arises can this be done without creating some confusion in your accounts.

In connection with this subject I beg leave to call your attention to a copy of a letter of the First Comptroller to the Secretary of the Treasury enclosed in my letter to you of the 5th February 1855 respecting the disposition of the proceeds of

the Sums which had accumulated at
Your branch prior to 1854. The ruling
of the Department in that case would
seem to require a similar disposition of
the proceeds in question.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt.
[illegible]
Director of the Mint

L. M. Patton Esq
Supt. Pr. Mint
Dahlonega
Ga.

From & So
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

October 1856

Proceeds Sept 1854
paid into Treasury
Ab S.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Oct 16. 1856.

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega 3rd Oct. 1856

Sir —

I have the honor to forward a report for the month of September & package No. 9 of Reserved Coins, with a statement of its contents — & also the necessary reports for the Secretary of the Treasury.

In reference to the proceeds of the 4 barrels of sweeps, I had supposed that the disposition thereof might be different from those of the sale made in 1854, as the last were credited to the M & Refiner, & those sold in 1854 never had been. I shall be perfectly content with whatever direction may be given to this fund by you as the Officers of the Treasury Department.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supt.

October 16. 6.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 3d ult.

With respect to the disposition of the proceeds of your Sweeps of 1854, I have concluded that as your accounts for that year have all been closed, to pay the same into the Treasury of the U. S. Herewith I enclose a duplicate of the receipt of the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. therefor.

Hereafter in making your annual settlement, you will please credit the Melter & Refiner with the estimated value of the Sweeps and charge yourself therefor in your Bullion accounts. When the same are sold and the proceeds received, you will pass the latter to your credit, charging Profit & Loss with the difference between the estimated value and

and not [illegible]

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To
See Treasury

Expenses Box Mint
Dahlonega Ga 3d
Quarter 1856.

Oct. 10. 1856.

Ex Br Mint Dahlonega 3rd Qr 1855.

Inc & Contg	$107.24
Nurses	720.00
Salaries	1500.00
Police	$2,327.24

Oct. 10. 1.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint Dahlonega Ga. exhibiting the results of the usual monthly examination at that institution at the close of the month of September last.

I also transmit a statement of the expenditures of the above Branch Mint for the 3d Quarter 1856.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
W. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City
Lt.

To Sec Treasury

Proceeds of Dahlonega
Lumps 1854 paid
into the Treasury

Oct 16, 1856.

October 16. 6.

Sir,

The dumps of the Branch Mint Dahlonega for the Year 1854 were (under my instructions) in the Summer of 1855 sent to this Mint to be disposed of. The dismantled condition of our Melting furnaces prevents for several months an assay of the dumps, and in consequence thereof they were only recently sold. In the meantime, the Bullion and Ordinary accounts of that institution for the Year 1854, have all been closed, and I have under the ruling of the Department in a similar case (viz: the disposition of the proceeds of the dumps which had accumulated at that Branch prior to 1854) paid the proceeds (viz $1960) of the dumps referred to into the Treasury of the U. States, and enclose herewith the receipt of the Ass't Treasurer U. S. therefor.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Hon James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury.

From Supt. at Dahlonega:

Nov: 14/56.

Reports, & Assay Coins.
Dies required in 1857.

November 1856

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 7th Nov. 1856

Sir—

I have the honor to forward Report for October & also package No. 10 of Reverse Coins with a statement of its contents & the monthly statement for the Secretary of the Treasury.

You will please have the following Dies forwarded for this Branch for the next year— to wit:

2 Half Eagle — heads
2 do do Reverse
2 Quarter do — heads
2 do do — reverse
2 Gold dollar — heads
2 do do. reverse.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
J. McPalton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint.
Philadelphia

To Secretary of Treasury:

Nov: 14th: 54.

Report of Monthly Examination at Pollenger.

November [illegible], 6

Sir:

Enclosed you will please find the usual report of the monthly examination made by the Superintendent at Dahlonega, received by this morning's mail.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yr. faithful Servant.
James Rep Snowden.
Director.

Hon: James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury.

From Supt Br. Mint
Dahlonega

ordering Acid

December 1856

Dec. 1. 1856.

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 24th Nov. 1856

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint—
Sir—

You will please cause to be forwarded to this Branch 12 Carboys of Nitric acid.

The first lot received from Moore Phillips was very good, but the last was very inferior indeed.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

ship to care of
H. L. Chisolm
Charleston

P.S. You will please have this shipment made without any delay.

To.
J. M. Patton Esqr.
Supt Br. Mint
Dahlonega

Dies for 1857

Nov. 26, 1856.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Nov. 26, 1856.

Sir.

The following working dies for Your branch Mint for 1857, have been forwarded to You to-day per Adams Express Co. viz:

4 Half Eagle 2 heads and 2 reverses
4. Qr. " " " " " "
4 Gold Dollar " " " " "

Mall 12 dies Nos. 1. to 6

I am very respectfully
James Ross Snowden.
~~Director of the Mint.~~

L. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint.
Dahlonega.
Ga.

To,
Mrs Phillips
Phila.

order for acids
Br Mint Dahlonega

Dec. 1. 1856.

Mint of the U. States
Phil: Dec. 1, 1866

Dear Sir:

I have to request that you will ship to the Branch Mint Dahlonega, with the least possible delay, 2 carboys of Nitric acid. Ship it to the care of H. L. Chisolm, Charleston.

The Supt of the above Br. Mint States that the last acid received from you was a very inferior article.

I am very Truly,
H. R. Linderman
Directors Clerk

Mess Phillips Esq
Phil:

Please advise us of the shipment when made.

From & To
Supt Bro Mint
Dahlonega

Assay Coins & reports
for Nov. 1856.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia Pa

8th Dec 1856,

U.S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 1st Dec. 1856

Sir—

I have the honor to forward report for the month of November & package No 11 of reserved Coins — & report for the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

Rec. [illegible] 6.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 2d inst. with the [illegible] and [illegible], a package containing the usual [illegible] of your branch for the month of November last.

I am, very respectfully,
S. R. [illegible]
Director of the Mint.

[illegible] Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Bedlomagor.
[illegible]

To.
Sec Treasury
Washington City

Report of Monthly
Examination at
Br. Mint Dahlonega

5th Dec 1856.

December 5th 6.

Sir,

I enclose herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint Dahlonega Ga. exhibiting the results of the usual monthly examination at that institution at the close of the Month of November last.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect.
Your faithful servant,
[illegible]
Director of the Mint.

Hon James Guthrie,
Sec of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES MICROFILM PUBLICATIONS

From & To
Supt. Bro. Mint
Dahlonega

Assay Coins reports &c
for December 1886.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Jan 12. 1887.

U.S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 5th Jany 1857

Sir—

I have the honor to forward a summary Statement of the operations of this Branch for the year 1856— a report for the month of December— also package No 12 of Returned Coins with a list of its Contents. & also the necessary reports for the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Box of Dies forwarded by Express in November, reached this Office yesterday.

The Melter & Refiner has returned 4 barrels of Sweeps, about 1760 Pounds;— Shall I forward them?

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

over

P.S. The Assayer has just notified me that he is running low in assay beads — you will please cause two small boxes to be forwarded by Express — care of Stage agent Marietta Ga.

January 02. 7.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 5th inst. with the enclosures stated, and also, a package containing the reserved coins of your hanch for the month of December last.

I am, very respectfully,
James Rob Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

L. M. Patton Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Dahlonega,
Ga.

Received Coins
at
Branch Mint
Dahlonega
for
1856

U. S. Branch Mint

Dahlonega Ga. 5th Jany. 1857.

Statement of the number, denomination & value of the coins received at this Branch Mint during the year 1856 for the annual assay, trial, &c.:

Month.	No. of Mach.	Half Eagles	Quarter Eagles	Gold Dollars	Total of Receipts	Value $	Value cts.
January	1.	4			4	20	00
February	2.	2					
"	3		2		4	15	00
March	4	3			3	15	00
April	5	3			3	15	00
May	6+7	2		3	5	13	00
June	8.	3			3	15	00
July	9	5			5	25	00
August	10+11	6			6	30	00
September	12	3			3	15	00
October	13	3			3	15	00
November	14	5			5	25	00
December	15+16	6			6	30	00
						233	00

J. M. Dalton
Supt. & Jr.

To Supt Br. Mint
Dahlonega

January 1857

St. a/c

Jany. 1857.

Mint of the United States.
Phil^a Jan 9. 1857.

Sir,

The balance due You on the 8th of September last was — $474.95
Since then I have paid Mors Phillips for acid — 119.24
Which leaves ~~[illegible]~~ balance due you at this date $355.71

Enclosed You will find a voucher for the payment above referred to.

I am, very respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt Br. Mint,
Dahlonega.

To
Sec Treasury

Instruct Reports
from Dahlonega

Jan 12, 1857.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, January 12, 1857.

Sir,

I transmit herewith Statements from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, Dahlonega, exhibiting the results of the usual monthly and Quarterly examinations at that institution on the 31st ult.o and also, the Expenditures

From Supt Dahlonega
[illegible]

Assay Coins
1856.

Jan 23. 1857.

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 12th Jany. 37

Sir—

The enclosed statement was omitted in making up my report to you a few days since.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

JAN. 12—1857

January 12, 1857.

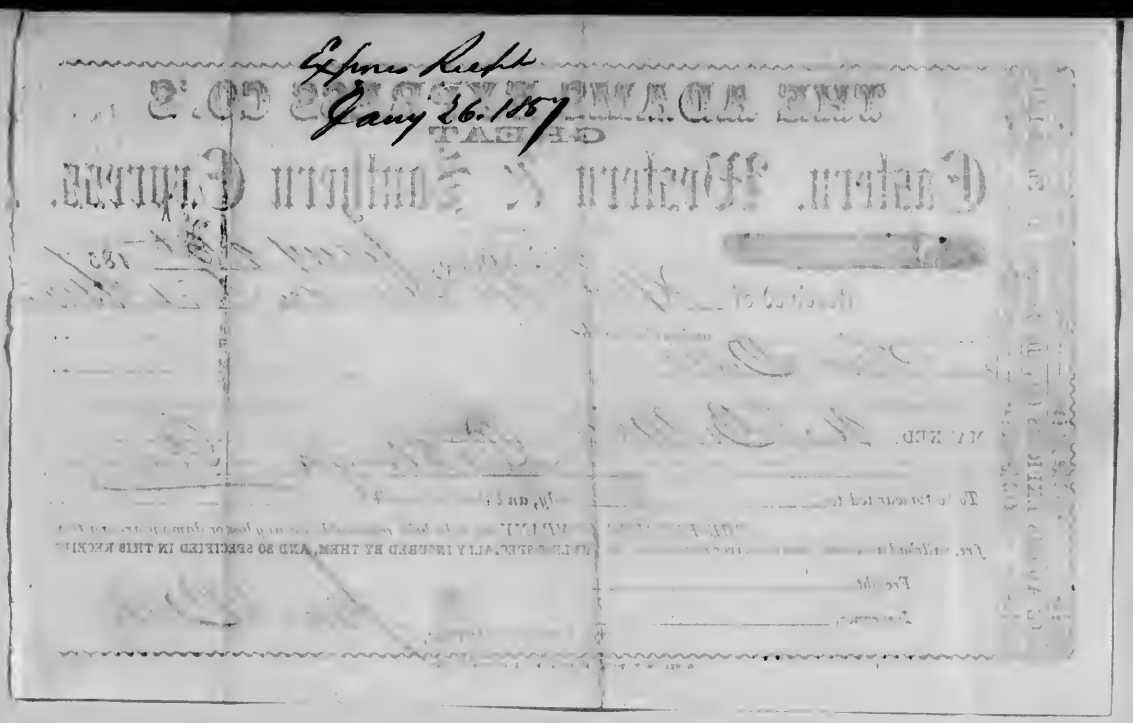
Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, Dahlonega, Ga exhibiting the results of the usual monthly and quarterly examination at that institution on the 31st ult:

I also transmit a quarterly Statement of the expenditures of that branch mint, for the fourth Quarter of 1856.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant
James Pollock
Director U.S. Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.



THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

[redacted]

Philadelphia, Jany 26th 1857

Received of Hon'ble J. R. Snowden Direct. U.S. Mint

and said to contain

Two Boxes

MARKED U. S. Br. Mint Dahlonega Geo

To be forwarded to _____ only, and there delivered to _____

THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc., UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

Freight, _____

Insurance, _____

FOR THE PROPRIETORS, Jno. A. Bell

GUSTAVUS V. TOWE, PRINTER, NO. 4 HUTSON'S ALLEY.

From U.S.

L. M. Patton Esq
Supt Br. Atlanta
Dahlonega

February 1857

Assay Coins Deposits
for February

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Feb. 12. 1857

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega 2nd Feb. 1857.

Sir —

I have the honor to forward my report for the month of January just closed. The weather has been so exceedingly severe for the last month that all out-door operations were almost entirely suspended.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supt. U. S. M.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mints
Philadelphia
Pa.

Mint of the United States.
Phila. Feb. 11. 1807.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 6th inst. with the enclosures stated, and also, package No. 1 of assorted coins.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
Robt. Patterson,
Director of the Mint.

Lieut. Patton Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Dahlonega.

Copy

To Sec Treasury

Transmit
January report from
Br. Mint Dahlonega

Feb. 11. 1857

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feby. 10th, 1857.

Sir:

I herewith transmit the usual Monthly report of the Superintendent of the branch Mint at Dahlonega, for the Month of January (ultimo)

I have the honor to be,
With great respect.
Your faithful Servant:
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Hon: James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury.

To, Sec Treasury

Transmitting Certificate of Assay Commissioners as to irregularity in Weight of Coins of Br Mint Dahlonega.

Feb 12, 1857

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, February 18th, 1857.

Sir:

In transmitting the enclosed Communication as required by the Board of Assay Commissioners, it may be proper to state, for the information of the President and of the Department, that the value of the errors in the weight of the coins therein referred to, are as follows:

1 Half Eagle	$\frac{2}{10}$	of a grain	above the legal weight	-	.72	of a cent.
1 Do.	$\frac{3}{10}$	"	below " "	=	.72	" "
1 Gold dollar	$\frac{1}{10}$	"	above " "	=	.24	" "
1 Do.	$\frac{1}{10}$	"	below " "	=	.24	" "

It will be seen that the variance is as much above as below the legal standard; and that the two pieces of each denomination, if weighed together, would be correct in weight, and in like manner the four pieces produce a similar result. But as the trial exhibited an irregular adjustment of the individual pieces, the fact is certified by the Board for the decision of the President.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant:-
James Ross Snowden.
Director of Mint, U.S.

Hon: James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, February 12th, 1857.

Sir:

The Commissioners appointed for the purpose of making the annual trial of the gold and silver coins reserved at the Mint of the United States and its branches under the provisions of the Act of the 18th Jan., 1857, met at the Mint on Monday, the 9th of February, 1857.

The following Commissioners were present, namely, the Hon. John K. Kane, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Penna. and Charles Brown, Esq., Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, they being Commissioners ex officio, and Dr. A. A. Hayes, of Boston, Hon. John K. Kinsley, of Philada., Maj. A. H. Bowman, U. S. Army, and Prof. Socrates Maupin, of Virginia, Commissioners specially designated by the President of the U. S. The Commissioners absent were James C. VanDyke, Esq. Attorney of the U. S. for the Eastern District of Penna., a Commissioner ex officio, and Prof. W. J. Anderson, of New York, a Commissioner specially designated.

A quorum being present the Commission proceeded to the discharge of the duties assigned them; and having completed the tests and trials required by law, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

"That the examination of the Gold and Silver Coins of the Mint and the branches for the year 1856, is in their judgment sufficient and the results highly satisfactory, except as to the branch Mint Dahlonega, the coins of which rise above and fall below the limits allowed by law as appears in the report of the Committee on weighings, as follows: one half eagle $\frac{3}{16}$ of a grain below the deviation allowed by law; one half eagle $\frac{3}{16}$ of a grain above the same deviation; one gold dollar $\frac{3}{16}$ of a grain below the deviation allowed by law, the other $\frac{3}{16}$ above the same deviation: the Commissioners recommend, therefore, that these facts be certified to the President of the United States in compliance

with the 32nd Section of the Act of 18 January, 1837."

The record embracing the foregoing resolution is signed by all Commissioners present, and the same is hereby certified to the President of the United States in accordance with their direction.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant:
James Hop Saunders.
Director
Mint

To the
President of the United States.

FEB.—1857.

To Supt. branch Mint at
Dahlonega

Feb. 18th 54

Report of the Annual Assay of the Gold Coins assayed at this branch during 1853 and requiring an explanation of the irregularities in the weights found of the pieces.

Mint of the United States:
Philadelphia, 6th January 6th, 1857.

Sir:

The trial of the coins received at your branch of the Mint during the year 1856, for the Annual Assay, by the Board of Assay Commissioners which convened here on the 4th instant, exhibited the following results.

Coins of branch Mint at Dahlonega, Georgia.

Registered value of coins.	Legal weight.	Actual weight by trial	Remedied by test.
$ 233.00	Ozs. 12.523	Ozs. 12.540	249.5

Results of weighing three half eagles and three gold one dollar pieces of same branch.

	Legal weight.	Actual weight of 1st piece.	of 2nd piece.	of 3rd piece.	of 4th piece.	of 5th piece.
Half eagles	129.	128 5/16	128 6/16	129	129	128 9/16
Gold dollars	25 6/16	25 5/16	25 5/16	26 4/16		

The report from which the above table is taken goes on to state that the Committee then weighed all the deposited coins, and the trial not only confirmed the respective variation, but further developed a half eagle "1/16 of a grain above the standard weight and 1/16 above the variation allowed by law." The Committee then proceeded to test the results of their former weighings by different balances, and with a confirmatory result, and on examination of the weighted coins showing them to be correct, the Commission established the following resolution:

"That the examination of the gold and silver coins of the Mint and the Branches for the year 1856, is in their judgment sufficient and the results highly satisfactory, except as to the branch Mint at Dahlonega, the coins of which are above and fall below the limits allowed by law, as appears in the report of the committee on weighings, as follows: one half eagle 2/16 of a grain below the deviation allowed by law, one half eagle 3/16 of a grain above the same deviation; one gold dollar 1/16 of a grain below the deviation allowed by law, the other 1/16 above the same deviation: the Commissioners recommend, therefore, that their

shall be certified to the President of the United States in compliance with the 20th Section of the Act of 18 January, 1837."

The record embracing the foregoing resolution is signed by all the Commissioners present, and the same was certified to the President of the United States in accordance with their direction. . . .

In transmitting the record as required by the Board of Assay Commissioners through the Secretary of the Treasury, I said, "it may be proper to state, for the information of the President and of the Department, that the values of the coins in the equivalents therein reported to, are as followed:"

"1 Half Eagle 3/16 of a grain above the legal weight — .99 of a cent
1 do 3/16 " below " " — .99 " "
1 Gold Dollar 1/16 " above " " .24 " "
1 do 1/16 " below " " — .24 " " "

"It will be seen that the variance is as much above as below the legal standard, and that the two pieces of each denomination, if weighed together, would be correct in weight and in like manner the four pieces produce a similar result. But as the trial exhibited an irregular adjustment of the individual pieces, the fact is certified by the Board for the decision of the President."

In reply to this communication, the Secretary of the Treasury, writes me as follows: "You will be pleased to require an explanation to be given by the Superintendent of the branch Mint as to the causes of the irregularity in the weights referred to, that it may be laid before the President."

The following is the weight in grains of all the coins returned at your branch during 1856.

Half Eagles 128 7/16 129 11/16 129 2/16 129 7/16 129 129 1/16 129 3/16 129 129 128 5/16
Gold dollars 26 9/16 25 2/16 26 15/16

I have written to you thus fully in order that you and the Council of your Institution may be advised of all the facts elicited by the trial of the returned coins of your branch for 1856, and the correspondence had upon the subject of the irregu-

...ties detected in the weights of them, and I have to request that such explana...
...s as it may be possible to give in relation to the subject, may be forwarded
...at your early convenience.

I am, Yours respectfully,

James Rob Snowden.

Director of the Mint.

J. M. Dalton, Esq.,
Supt. of the branch Mint
Dahlonega, Ga.

of ~~coins~~ the resend coins of the Branch
Mint ~~[illegible]~~ Dahlonega 3754 1/- 5225 50
1400 2612.50
The commissioners ~~[illegible]~~ included
ther proceedings by the following resolutions 2243 5-
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Weighing of single pieces of the resend
coins from Br. Mint Dahlonega

~~to~~ Half Eagles Legal Weight of single Pin By trial of single
Gold Dollars

~~2366~~

50) 2757 65-
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From Secretary of the Treasury:

Feb: 19/57

An Explanation of the variations from the legal weight of the coins reserved at Dahlonega, & detected by the late annual assay, to be required from that branch

Treasury Department
February 16. 1857

Sir -

Your's of the 12th instant in relation to the errors in the weight of certain Gold Coins received from the Branch Mint at Dahlonega for assay has been received.

You will be pleased to require an explanation to be given by the Superintendent of the Branch Mint as to the causes of the irregularity in the weights referred to, that it may be laid before the President.

I am very Resp.
James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad.

From & To
Lelle Patton Esq
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

Assay Coins & Reports
for February

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia Pa

March 9. 1857

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 2nd March 1857

Sir—

I have the honor to forward report for the month of February & Package No 2 of Returned Coins—also monthly Statement for Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Dallon
Supdt. & Treas.

To/
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

March 9. 7.

Sir

I have to acknowledge
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[illegible]
[illegible]

To Sec. Treasury

Enclosing communication from Supt Br Mint Dahlonega explanatory of deviation in weights of assay bars for 1886.

March 4, 1887.

March 4th 97.

Sir,

As requested in your favor of the 16th ultimo I asked for an explanation from the Superintendant of the branch mint at Dahlonega respecting the irregular adjustment of some of the Coins struck at that institution. I have this day received a reply to my inquiries on the subject; which I enclose for the consideration of the Department and of the President.

The maintenance of the Standard fineness and weight of the Coins of the United States is of the highest importance not only as a guard on our own Country but our reputation abroad. Hence the necessity of extreme care in all the operations connected with the Coinage. Such as the limit of deviation in the weight of the Gold Coins is but the one quarter of a grain; each piece is separately adjusted. It appears, from the table of the

Superintendent that the adjustments were made by an experienced workman, who has been similarly employed even since the organization of the branch of the Mint in 1838. It is proper I should state that heretofore the coinage of that branch has been well performed, and the fineness and weight satisfactory.

The coinage the last year amounted to the sum of $102,898 and it appears that the actual variation below the legal weight on this entire amount is but 102 grains, which is much within the limit allowed by law, and confirms the point stated in my letter of the 12th ult: that the aggregate weighings were accurate; and that each delivery of coins by the coiner to the Treasurer was satisfactory as to weight, but that some of the individual pieces were slightly above and below the legal allowance.

These considerations seem to lead to the conclusion that the errors in the pieces in

question was an accidental one, and is due to a want of proper care, and not to a want of honesty on this, and that doubtless the officers of that institution will take measures to avoid such disagreeable occurrences.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Hon Howell Cobb
Sec. of the Treasury

Transmits Monthly
report from Dir
Mint Dahlonega

March 9. 1857

March 9. 7.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, Ga. exhibiting the results of the usual Monthly examination at that [illegible] at the close of the month of February last.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your fellow-[illegible]
[illegible]
Director of the Mint

Hon. Hugh Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir

Supt U.S. Mint

Dahlonega

Ga

Name of firm to whom
Mint Stamps are
sold

March 20. 1857.

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 17th March 1857

James Ross Snowden Esqr.

Sir.

A friend of mine is interested in a quantity of Sand which has been collected at a gold pounding mill, and he has requested me to ask you for the name and address of the party or parties to whom you sell the Mint Sweeps.

Very Respectfully Your

J. M. Patton

March 20. 7.

Sir:

Your favor of the 17th inst. has been received.

The following is the address of the firm who purchase the Mint Stamps viz: Messrs Robert Longman & Son, Brooklyn N.Y.

Very Truly Yours.

James Ross Snowden

L. M. Patton Esq. Director of the Mints

Dahlonega,

Ga.

From
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

March 1857

Explanatory of
deviation in weight
of assay Coins 1856

March 4, 1857.

Copy

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega, Ga. Feb. 24. 1857.

Sir:

I received to day Your letter informing me of the unsatisfactory result of the test of the Assay pieces of this Branch Mint for the Year 1856, and asking for an explanation of the irregularities in the weight of some of the pieces reserved, to be Submitted by the Treasury Department to the President.

I was never more surprised in my life; as the pieces heretofore reserved at this Branch have proven upon the test to have been so accurately adjusted.

The hand who adjusts the coins last year, is the same one, who has performed that Service since the organization of this Branch in 1838. He seems to be very Skilful, and the correctness of his adjustments heretofore, shews that he is entitled to be so considered.

From this consideration and the fact that the coins when returned in bulk by the Coiner were so clearly within the limits allowed by law, it was not, at any time during the Year, deemed necessary to require the coins of any delivery to be weighed separately, as is provided for in the 26th Sect. of the Mint Laws — When the weighing in bulk shall not

prove satisfactory to the Treasurer.

I have prepared a Statement to accompany this letter, of the Several deliveries of coins made by the Coiner during the last Year; from which it will be seen that the coins when returned in bulk to me were always clearly within the limits allowed by law.

If I had Supposed, or had had any reason to suppose, that each individual piece was not adjusted accurately and in the manner required by law, I should most certainly have weighed each piece Separately, or caused it to be done; but for the reasons above Stated it was deemed wholly unnecessary.

The hand who performed the adjusting must have become careless or made a Mistake in his weights.

The above is all the explanation it is in my power to give as to the irregularity in weight of the pieces referred to.

Let me ask You to be So Kind as to call the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury & the President to the very Satisfactory tests heretofore made of the coins of this Branch Mint.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt.

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of Mint &c &c &c

(Signed) L. A. Patton
Supt & Treasurer

Statement of the returns of Coins made by the Coiner at Branch Mint Dahlonega Ga. during the Year 1856.

Melt	No. of ½ Eagles	No. of ¼ Eagles	No. of Gold Dollars	Standard Weight oz.	dec	Actual Weight oz	dec	Legal Variation in grains	Actual Variation in grains above	below
1	1609			432	419	432	380	57.924		33.120
2	975			262	031	261	970	33.100		29.280
3		874		117	444	117	470	20.976	12.480	
4	1378			370	037	370	270	49.608		1.160
5	1396			375	175	375	220	50.256	21.600	
6			1460	78	475	78	480	17.520	02.400	
7	837			224	944	224	970	30.132	12.480	
8	1184			318	201	318	201	42.624	——	——
9	2460			661	125	661	140	88.560	07.200	
10	1024			275	200	275	180	36.864		09.600
11	1481			398	019	397	960	53.316		28.020
12	1363			366	306	366	300	49.068		02.880
13	1114			299	387	299	370	40.104		08.160
14	2263			608	719	608	720	81.540	00.480	
15	1866			501	487	501	430	67.176		27.360
16	834			224	137	224	160	30.024	11.040	
									67.681	170.880

U.S. Br. Mint Dahlonega Ga 24th Oct. 1857 I certify that the foregoing is a correct Statement of the returns of Coins made to me by the Coiner of this Branch during the year 1856 — as taken from the Memorandum Book kept in this Office

L. M. Patten Supt & Treas.

Trans to
Lt Patton Esq
Supt Br. Mint
Dahlonega

April 1857

Reports & Assay bonds
March 1857.

James Ross Snowden Esqr,
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

April 13, 1857.

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 4th Apl. 1857

Sir -

I have the honor to forward my report for the month of March - with package No 3 of Reserved Coins - & also the necessary statements for the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

To,
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Copy No. 7.

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 4th inst. with the enclosures therein, also, a package containing the assay coins reserved from the Coinage of your branch Mint during the Month of March last.

I am very respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director Mint

J. H. Patton Esq.,
Supt Br. Mint.
Dahlonega.

No 3

Reserved Coins

at

Br. Mint Dahlonega

Ga

March 1857.

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 1st April 1897

Statement of the coin received at this Branch during the month of March for the annual assay trial, to wit—

Melt No 3— 2 Half Eagles $10.00

C. M. Patton
Supt. & Treas.

To
The Sec. of the Treasury

Enclosing Statements
from Br. Mint Dahlonega

April 13, 1857.

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April 10. 7.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint Dahlonega Ga., exhibiting the results of the usual monthly and annual examination at that institution on the 31st ult., also a quarterly Statement of the Expenditures of the same for the first quarter of 1887.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Rep. Snowden,
Director the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

MAY 5, 1857.

From & to Supt. at Dahlonega.

May 12/57.

Reports & assays coins for April rec'd. & ackn'd.

May 1857

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte Ga. 3rd May 1857

Sir –

I have the honor to forward a Report for the month of April, and a monthly statement for the Secretary of the Treasury – also Package No 4 of Reserved Coins with a statement of its contents.

Your letter of the 29th ult. has been received & its directions in reference to the bullion receipts will be complied with.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
C. M. Pattou
Supdt.

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

May [illegible] 7.

Sir,

Your favor of the 5th inst., with the enclosed Statement, had been received, and also the package (No. 4) containing the [illegible] during the month of April for the annual [illegible].

Yours, very respectfully,
[illegible]
James Rose Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

[illegible] Esq.,
Sixth Branch Mint,
Dahlonega,
Georgia.

No 5.

Reserved Coins

from

Br. Mint Chalonega

for

May 1857.

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 1st June 1857

Statement of the coins reserved at this Branch Mint during the month of May just closed, for the annual assay & contained in Package No 5 — to wit:
3 Half Eagles of Melt 8 — $15.00

J. M. Patton
Supdt. & Tr.

Lima 8th. 7.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your favor of the 1st ms! with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the assay coins of Your branch for the month of May last.

It is not contemplated to close the Accounts on the 30th of this month. The Statement to be prepared at that time should simply exhibit the deposits received and coinage executed at Your branch during the Year ending on that day. The Accounts will be closed as heretofore, viz: on the 31st December,

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint

J. M. Patton Esq
Supt Br. Mint
Dahlonega
Ga.

From Supt
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega
Ga

June 1867

Assay Comm Report
for May 1867.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

June 8, 1867

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Dahlonega Ga. 1st June 1857

Sir —

I have the honor to forward a Report for the month of May — & also Package No 5 of Reserved Coins.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt

J. M. Patton
Supdt

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia.

P. S. In preparing a general statement on the 30th of June, — it is not intended, I suppose, to close the accounts, as has been heretofore done on the 31st December.

To,
Hon Howell Cobb
Sec. of the Treasury

Transmitting more part
from Br. Mint Dahlonega

June 8, 1857.—

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 4. 1857.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 4th ult.o with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the assay coins of Your branch Mint for the Month of April last, with a Statement of their value.

June 8th. 7.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, Dahlonega, Ga., exhibiting the results of the usual monthly examination at that institution at the close of the month of May (ult.)

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Rodgers Chauncey, Director
Per H. R. Linderman
Director's Clerk.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

From J. M. Patton Esq
Supt Br. Mint
Dahlonega

July 1857

Ordering Acid &c

July 3, 1857.

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 27th June 1857

James Ross Snowden Esqr –
Director &c. Mint &c
Sir –

You will please have forwarded for the use of this Branch, the following articles:

12 Carboys Nitric Acid
1 do Sulphuric do.
1 Barrel Mahogany Sawdust & 2 Stone Pitchers, about 1 gallon in size, put up in the Sawdust. We need a Pitcher of this kind that will hold acid. & we cannot get it here.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
J. M. Patton
Supt.

Acid ordered of Messrs Phillips July 3. 1857 – | Sawdust & Stone Pitchers ordered by Mr Hare

From / Supt. at Dahlonega.

July 11 '57.

Report & Assays Coins for June
& Report for Year ending June 30 ob.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 2nd July 1857

Sir —

I have the honor to forward report for June, & the statement required for the Secretary of the Treasury — also package No 6 of reserved Coins.

You will also find enclosed a statement of the operations of this Branch for the year ending 30th ult.

You will please forward by mail 10 or 12 sheets of the Forms for Abstract. Very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint,
Philadelphia
Pa.

To
Secretary Treasury

Financial Condition Br.
Mint Dahlonega June
30, 1857. —

July 11. 1857.

Copy 7

Sir:

I herewith transmit a [illegible] the actual Month by report from the Supert. [illegible] Mint [illegible] exhibiting the Condition of that Institution at the close of the Second Quarter of the current year & the 30th. ulto.

I have the honor to be
with great respect.
Yr faithful Servant
James Pope Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C.

From L. C.
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega
Ga

August 1857

Assay Com's Reports
for July 1857

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Aug 10. 1857

U.S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 3rd Aug. 1857

Sir —

I have the honor to forward report for the month of July — & reserved Coins No 7 — with a statement of contents — also report for Secretary of Treasury.

I have not received any acknowledgment of the receipt of reports forwarded a month since.

Inclosed find bill of lading of 4 barrels of mint sweeps forwarded to you. I have to request that the refiners make a report upon these sweeps, so that their value may be known before the accounts for the year are closed.

You will please cause the following articles to be forwarded for the use of this Branch — to wit —

60 Nests German Crucibles
12 Blk. Lead Pots No 30 —

2 Boxes Capers.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Rapp Snowden Esqr,
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Aug 10. 7.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 3d inst with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the coins reserved from the Coinage of Your Branch during the month of July for the Annual Assay.

Your letter of 2nd ult. with its enclosures was duly received, but its acknowledgement was accidentally omitted. As requested in that letter, I have sent You by mail to-day a few sheets (18) of forms of abstract.

Your request in relation to the 4 bbls. of Sweep (which have been received,) and order for articles for the use of Your branch will receive attention.

Very Respectfully,

James Ross Snowden

Director of the Mint.

J. M. Patton Esq.

Supt. Br. Mint, Dahlonega, Ga.

Georgia Rail-Road,

ATHENS DEPOT,

July 8th 1857

Received in good order, from

J. F. Patton

Four Barrels

Marked

U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Penn.

Consigned to

Agt. So. Ca. R. Road
Augusta Depot

Not responsible for leakage of Liquids or breakage of Glass or Crockery Ware

Should be M.

A. Grant Agent

No 7

Reserved coins

at

Br. Mint Dahlonega

for

July 1857

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 3rd day. 1857

Statement of the coins received at this Branch during the Month of July just passed for the annual assay, & contained in Package No 7— towit:

Melt 11— 3 Half Eagles $15.00
do. 12 — 2 do. do — " 10.00

$25.00

J. M. Patton
Supdt. & Treas.

From & To
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega
Ga

September 1857

Reports for August

James Rap Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Sept 12, 1857

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 4th Sept. 1857

Sir –

Enclosed you will find Report for the month of August – & Statement for the Secretary of the Treasury.

In consequence of not having received the acid ordered in the latter part of June, & which was on board a vessel at Philadelphia on the 8th of July, we were unable to make a coinage in the last month; as we had used up in July the acid on hand.

This last lot of acid has met with very unusual detention.

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Sept. 12. 7.

Sir.

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint Dahlonega, Ga. exhibiting the results of the usual monthly examination at that institution on the 31st ult.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

From Sec
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt Bg Mint
~~Nav~~ Dahlonega

Estimates forwarded
2 1/2 Eagle dies
requested & sent.

Sept 28, 1857.—

U.S. Br. Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 18th Sept. 1857.

Sir —

Enclosed pl. please find Estimates for this Branch for the fiscal year ending 30 June 1859, as requested by your letter of the 8th Inst.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servant

J. M. Pattan
Superintendent

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

P.S. You will please forward by mail two pr Eagle head dies of this year.
For each year 3 sets pr Eagles — 2 1/4 Eagles & 2 of Gold dollars will be sufficient
J. M. Pattan

Sept 28. 7

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your favor of the 8th inst, I send you by the mail of today two half eagle head dies of this year.

Very Respectfully,

[illegible]

Director of the Mint.

J. M. Pattie Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Dahlonega,
Ga.

From
Dr J. F. Barclay

Experiments

Sept 21. 1857.

Phila Sept. 21st '57

Dr. Sir:

In reply to a note addressed to Prof. Bolt a few days ago requesting him to state the [illegible] on the authority of which, the cost of bullion required for Mem. No. 1 is estimated at four or five thousand dollars he requests me (in his note just received) to apply to you for the particulars of the calculation.

May I therefore trouble you to furnish the desired estimate at your earliest convenience? — for at that rate of charge — I fear the present appropriation will be totally inadequate to the demands of the case; and hence it becomes necessary greatly to reduce the amount of experimenting contemplated.

Very Respectfully &c
J. T. Barclay

Hon. J. Ross Snowden
Dir. U. S. Mint.

From & To
Supt D. Mint
Dahlonega

October 1857

Assay Coins & Reports
for September 1857

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Oct 12, 1857

U.S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 3rd Oct. 1857

Sir –

I have the honor to forward my Report for the month of September just past – also a Package of Coins reserved during the month for the annual assay with a statement of its contents also the required statements for the Secretary of the Treasury.

I received by the mail of to-day the two half Eagle head dies forwarded by you on the 28th ult.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Oct. 7

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 3d inst. with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the dressy coins of your branch for the month of September last.

Yours Respectfully
Samuel R. Franklin
Director of the Mint.

Jno. Patton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega
Ga.

From & To
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

In relation to inferior
Quality of acids
sent to that Branch &
ordering certain
articles

Oct 28. 1857

U. S. Branch Mint
Oahlonega Ga. 20th Oct. 1857

Sir —

On the 3rd of August last I requested Crucibles, black lead Pots & 2 boxes Capsules for this Branch.

The Crucibles & the Pots have been received, but I have not heard anything of the capsules — they may have been overlooked.

The last lot of acid was so long on the way, (nearly two months,) that I think it best to procure some more before winter sets in. The last acid received is pronounced by the workmen to be the most impure we have ever had; — and I noticed that the stoppers of several of the carboys had not been made sufficiently secure.

Last year I ordered some filtering Paper & received a quantity so marked — but it ought to have been marked what it was, blotting Paper

for it cannot, I am satisfied, be used for filtering.

We made a substitute in the refining of fine Sea Island Shirting & found that it answered the purpose finely — but the Assayer says he cannot prepare his fine gold without the filtering paper.

I enclose a specimen of some we had & have to request that you will cause some like it to be forwarded if it can be found.

Below find a list of articles now wanted, & you will please cause the receipts for these and some other purchases recently made to be forwarded so that I may include them in my account at the close of the year.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

C. McPatton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Ready] 2 Boxes Capsules – (if not already sent)
Ordered] Assayers Register – (a paper bound book
of about 3 qrs – 12 inches long by 10 wide
in the kind heretofore used here)
Have 1/4 Ream filtering Paper
Ordered 30 lbs fine Copper for alloy
Ordered 10 Carboys Nitric Acid
" 2 do – Sulphuric – do.

Bullock & Crenshaw

Oct 28. 7.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 20th ultimo!

I regret to learn that your last lot of acid proved to be of an inferior quality. It was shipped by Mr Phillips, who supplies the mint and its branches with acids under contract, and whom we have always found to be a careful and reliable man. His attention was called to the subject on the receipt of your letter, but he was unable to offer any explanation of the difficulty. I would be glad if you would state in what particular the acid was defective. He has been requested to observe the utmost caution in

in Shipping the 12 castings
ordered in Your last letter.

The cupels ordered some
time since are nearly ready
for Shipment.

The Copper requested has
been Shipped.

Due care will be taken
to have the balance of the articles
ordered of the best quality.—

As soon as the articles
ordered are all Shipped the
bills for the same will be
transmitted to You.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint

Lt. L. Patton Esq
Supt Br. Mint,
Dahlonega,

From & To
Supt Br. Mint
Dahlonega

Assay Coins &
reports for October

Nov 19, 1837—

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 9th Nov. 1857.

Sir –

I have the honor to forward report for the month of October – & package No. 10 of received coins, with a statement of its contents & also monthly statement for the Secretary of the Treasury.

This communication has been delayed by the absence, (without leave,) of the Assayer, Isaac L. Todd Esqr –

He left this place on the 23rd of October & did not return until the 3rd Inst.

In answer to the inquiry in Mr Linder-man's letter of the 28th of October, desiring to know "in what particular the last lot of acid was defective", I have to state that it appeared to contain a considerable portion of Muriatic acid – & required

a throwing down by the use of nitrate of silver before it could be used.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Nov. 19. 7.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th in St. with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the assay coins of your branch Mint for the month of October last.

Very Respectfully,

[illegible]

Director of the Mint.

Jill. Patton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega,
Ga.

To
Supt Br. Mint
Dahlonega

St. of A/c transmitted -
Dies for 1858 Sent
by mail

Nov. 16. 1857 -

Working dies for the Branch Mint
at Dahlonega for the year 1858
from the Engraver of the Mint Nov. 14. 1857: in one box cont.g

6	Half Eagle	3 heads & 3 reverses marked	1, 2, 3	in pairs
4	Quarter Eagle	2 do. 2 do.	" 4, 5	do.
4	Gold Dollar	2 do. 2 do.	" 6, 7	do.

in all 16 working dies.

Ja.s B. Longacre
Engr.

Nov. 16. 7.

Sir.

I send You to day per Adams Express Co. a box containing 14 Working dies for the use of your branch mint for the Year 1858. viz:

6 Half Eagle 3 Heads 3 Reverses, marked 1. 2. 3 in pairs
4 Dr. Eagle 2 " + 2 reverses " 4,5 do
4 Gold Dollar 2 " 2 " " 6,7 do.

Enclosed I send Statement of account to date, also Vouchers for the items charged therein. The account Exhibits a balance in Your favor of $210.33.

Very Respectfully,
W. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint

C. M. Patton Esq.
Supt Br. Mint,
Dahlonega.

Cr. The Treasurer of the Branch Mount Dahlonega

1857			Dollars
January	9	Balance as per settlement	355
February	14	By proceeds of Army bonds	233
			588

[illegible] 1857 [illegible]
of Branch Mint Dahlonega [illegible]

James Rop Snowden
Director of the Mint

in Account with James Ross Snowden Esq Dr. [illegible] Cr.

1857			
Jan	31	For Payment to C. B. Hare for [illegible]	1000
Mar	30	" " " James Mason for [illegible]	2[illegible]
July	11	" " " Mor Phillips for [illegible]	1[illegible]
August	7	" " " [illegible] Magee [illegible] for [illegible]	1[illegible]
	[illegible]	" " " [illegible] for [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	5	" " " C. B. Hare for [illegible]	2[illegible]
[illegible]	30	" " " [illegible] for [illegible]	2697
		" " " for Copper	9[illegible]
[illegible]	3	" " " Mor Phillips for [illegible]	13635
	5	" " " Charles B. Hare for [illegible]	22[illegible]
[illegible]	10	[illegible]	21[illegible]
			[illegible]

Received Novem 17th 1857 from Dr Linderman U.S. Mint the following Packages to be forwarded as addressed —

One Box J M Patton Esq Supt Br Mint Dahlonga Geo
One pce Do Do Do

Adams Express Co
J Jno A Bell

Received Novem 17th 1857 from Dr Linderman U.S. Mint one box Dies to be forwarded to Supt Branch Mint San Francisco Cal.

Freeman & Co
J Jno A Bell

To
The Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega
Ga.

Assay Register
forwarded per Express

Apr 17. 1857.

Sir, The Assay Register
sent by you a short time since
has this day been forwarded
to you per Adams Express Co.
Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Dahlonega

From Supt Br Miss
Dahlonega
Ga

Enclosing Postage
Statement

Nov 27. 1837.

U. S. Br. Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 18th Nov. 1857

Sir —

Enclosed please find the statement requested in yours favor of the 10th Inst — which I hope will be satisfactory.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Nov. 16 7

Dear Sir,

I am anxious to oblige Dr. Barclay, but you are right in supposing that ~~[illegible]~~ a working die cannot go out of your legal possession except to the Chief Coiner on his requisition to the Director. You may however loan the Quarter dollar head die to Dr. Barclay as requested by him, but it will in the mean time be regarded as in your legal custody.

You may make such arrangements as you may deem best to carry this into effect.

Your Respectfully

James Rob Snowden
Director of the Mint.

J. B. Longacre Esq
Engraver of the Mint.

To. Sec Treasury,

Enclose October report
from Dahlonega
Br. Mint.

Nov. 19. 1857.

Daughter of the
Widow Bentley

Nov. 19. 7.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, Ga., exhibiting the results of the usual monthly examination at that institution at the close of the month of October last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant.
James Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

Jos Supt: Branch Mint at
Dahlonega:

Nov: 9/57.

Capels & filleriny paper sent.

November ~~189~~ 1857

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia Nov. 9th 1857

Sir:

I have shipped from New York, for "Nashville" two boxes, containing [illegible] required for your branch to the care of [illegible] at Charleston.

The letting paper desired will be found in Box No. [illegible]

I am very respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Mr. Patton, Esq.
Supt. Branch Mint,
Dahlonega,
Georgia.

From & To
J M Patton Esq
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

December 1857

In relation to Pig
Send &c

Cupels sent per
Express

Dec 14, 1857

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga 5th Decr. 1857

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Sir —

Yours of the 16th November has been received. The balance due this Branch according to the account forwarded agrees with my account.

There is one item August 14 — N. Wotter & Co. for Pig lead $10.50 — that I do not understand. We have not ordered or received any Pig lead — it may have been procured for making the assay leads which were forwarded in January — but it was furnished in August & the assay leads in January — & this induces me to think that this item should probably be charged to some other Branch.

We have not yet received the Cupels that were shipped from New York 9th Nov. & about a week before the expiration of the last month, the Assayer used the last one he had, and in consequence

of the want of capels, I have not been able to forward you a report for the last month.

I have written to our forwarding agent at Charleston, but have not received any notification from him that the capels had reached that place. — I hope however that we will receive them in a few days.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. H. Patton
Supdt.

Dec 17.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 6th inst.

The Pig Lead referred to in your letter was procured on the 14th of January last for the purpose of making assay leads for your Branch Mint, but the bill therefor was not presented for payment until the 14th of August following. A part only of the article in question was used at that time. The balance remains in our possession and will be used for the same purpose, when required.

I regret to learn that you have not received the cupels that were shipped to you last month from New York. In order to obviate as far as possible the inconvenience arising therefrom I forward you to day per Adams Express Co. 100 more of the same

From To
Supt Br. Mint
Dahlonga
Ga

Assay Coins & Reports
for November

James Rep Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Dec 21, 1857

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 14th Dec. 1857

Sir—

I have the honor, at this late day, to forward report of receipts of bullion for Coinage for the month of November—with a Statement for the Secretary of the Treasury also Package No 11 of Reserved Coins with a statement of its contents.

Our Assayer used the last Caps he had a few days before the close of the month & the operations of his office were suspended until the Caps shipped on the 9th of November were received, which was not until the 12th Inst.

very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Dec 21. 7.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your favr of the 14th inst. with the inclosures stated, also a package containing the assay coins of Your branch of the Mint, for the month of November.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Jell. Patton Esq.
Supt Br. Mint,
Dahlonega,
Ga.

To
The Sec Treasury
Washington

2 Letters

Enclosing Coin & Bullion
Statement

2. Transmitting report
from Br. Mint
Dahlonga.

Dec 21. 1857

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Dec 21. 1857.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement of the amount and denomination of coins in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the bullion fund, at the close of business to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,

Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the T

Dec 21. 7.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, at Dahlonega, Ga. exhibiting the results of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 31st ult.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

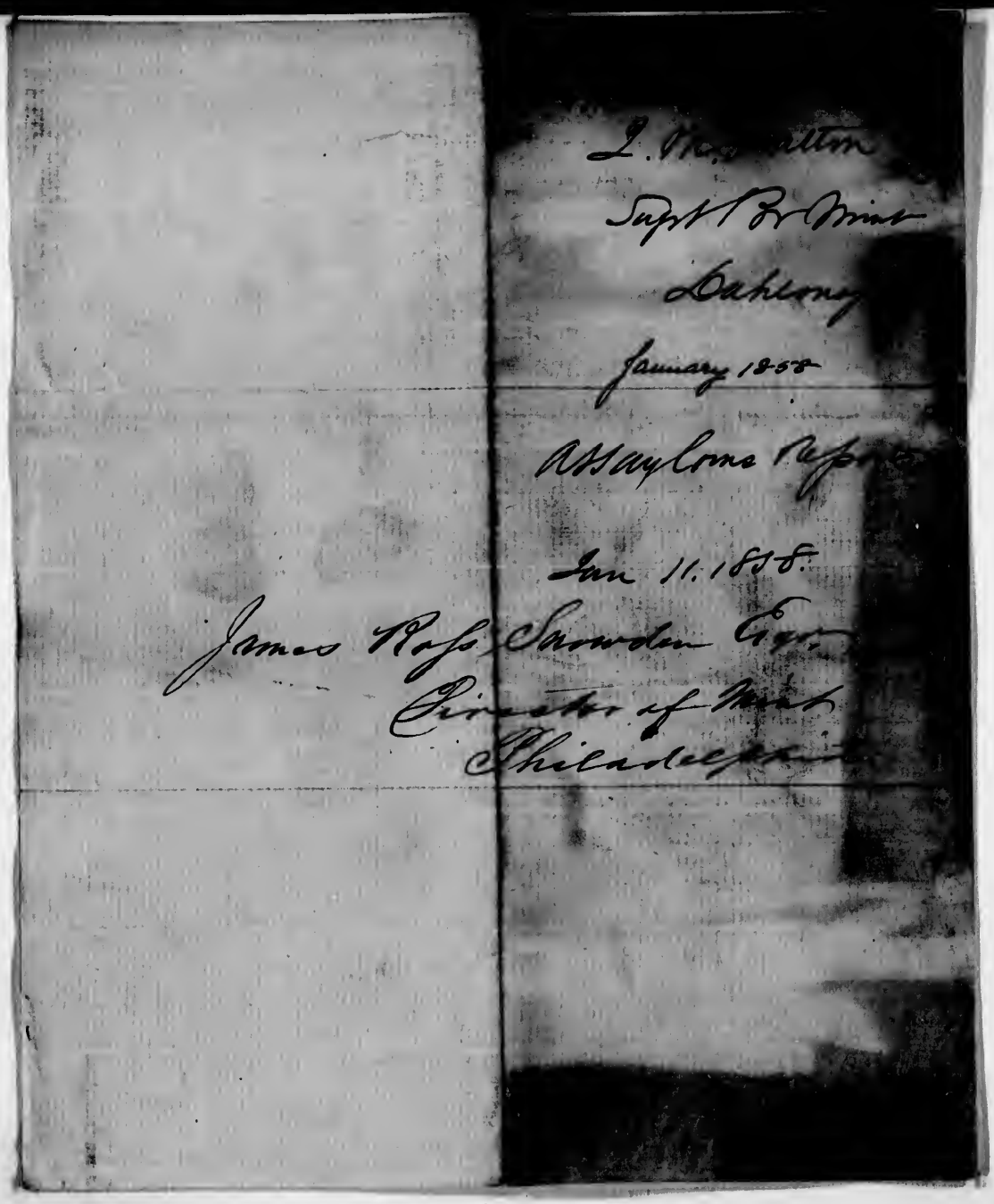
Dec 21. 7.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement of the Amount, and denomination, of coin in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the bullion found at the close of business to day

I have the honor to be,
With great respect.
Your faithful servt.
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.



U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 6th January 1855

Sir—

I have the honor to forward Report for the month of December just passed. also Package No 12 of reserved Coins with a statement of its contents and a list of the coins reserved during the year and the reports for the Secretary of the Treasury.

I have received the Box of dies forwarded by Adams Express Co.

We could spare without any inconvenience about 2500 ounces of Silver bullion.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

To Sec Treasury

Transmitting Report
from Supt Coast Survey

Jan 11. 1858.

Jan 12th 8.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 6th inst with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the assay pieces reserved from the coinage of your branch mint during the Month of December last for the annual assay.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Jas M Patton Esq
Supt Br. Mint,
Dahlonega,
Ga.

From & To
Supt R. Mint
Dahlonega

February 1858

A Naylor's &
Report January

Feb 10. 1858

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 1st Feb. 1858

Sir –

I have the honor to forward my report for the month of January just closed – & statement for the Secretary of the Treasury – also Package No 1 of restored Coins & a statement of its contents.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt. & Tr.

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Feb 10. 8

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 1st inst. with the enclosed statements, also, a package containing the assay coins of your Branch Mint, for the Month of January last.

Very Respectfully,
Saml. Rob Snowden
Director of the Mint.

V. M. Patton Esq.
Supt Br. Mint,
Dahlonega,
Ga.

To
Sec Treasury

Enclosing Report
January Examination
Pr. Mint Dahlonyn

Feb. 10, 1858.

Feb 10. 8.

Sir.

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, at Dahlonega, Ga. exhibiting the results of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 31st ult.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To
Supt U.S. Mint
Dahlonega

Report of Annual
Assay 1857

Feb. 17, 1858.

Feb 17. 8.

Sir.

The trial made at the Mint during last week by the Assay Commissioners of the reserved coins of Your Branch Mint for the year 1857 resulted as follows, viz:

Registered Value of Coins	$235.50
Legal Weight thereof	oz 12.658
Actual Weight	. 12.657
Below Legal Weight	oz .001
Fineness	‰ 899.7

Trial of "Pieces"

10 Half Eagles Legal Weight oz 2.657 ½ Act Wt oz 2.657
5 Gold Dollars . . . gr 129 . . gr 129

Trial of Pieces

1 Half Eagle Legal weight gr 129 Actual weight gr 129
1 . . . . . 129 . . . 129
1 . . . . . 129 . . . 129
1 . . . . . 129 . . . 129

1	Half Eagle Legal weight grains	129 actual weight grs	129 [illegible]
1	" " " " "	129 " " "	128 [illegible]
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1	" " " " "	129 " " "	128 [illegible]
1	Quarter Eagle " " "	64½ " " "	64½
1	" " " " "	64½	64½
1	" " " " "	64½	63 [illegible]
1	" " " " "	64½	64½
1	" " " " "	64½	64¼
1	Gold Dollar " " "	25 [illegible]	25 [illegible]
1	" " " " "	25 [illegible]	25 [illegible]
1	" " " " "	25 [illegible]	25 [illegible]
1	" " " " "	25 [illegible]	25 [illegible]
1	" " " " "	25 [illegible]	25 [illegible]

<u>Assay of Single Pieces</u>

Half Eagle	Mt	899.0
Quarter Eagle	"	898.6
Gold dollar	"	899.0

The deviations from the legal weight and fineness of the several coins of the Branch Mint Dahlonega, as above stated being within the limits of law, the trial was considered

and reported as satisfactory. The presence of said coins will be accounted for as [illegible]. Very Respectfully,

James Ross Mcculloch.

Director of the Mint.

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt Br. Mint.
Dahlonya,
Ga.

P.S.

I send you by this mail a pamphlet I have recently caused to be printed in relation to the Annual Assay. An examination of the same will show you the close scrutiny to which, the coins struck at the Mint and its same Branches are subjected and the necessity of extreme care in maintaining the standards of fineness and weight.

J. R. S.

To.
Supt's Br Mints
Charlotte &
Dahlonega

Transmitting
pamphlet. Instructions
&c.

Feb 19. 1858.

Feb. 18. 8.

Sir

I send you by this mail a few copies of a pamphlet I have recently caused to be printed containing "Instructions relative to the transaction of business at the Mint of the United States and its Branches."

It is proper that I should call your attention to the 16th paragraph (page 9) of these instructions. The [illegible] therein stated of rendering available the [illegible] from depositors, was [illegible] at the suggestion of the Secretary of the Treasury, in order that the amount of appropriations from all sources might appear on the books of the Department.

These regulations will take effect at Your Branch of the Mint on the 1st prosecutor.

Very Respectfully,
[illegible]
Director of the Mint

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega Ga.

Oct 15. 8

Sir,

I send you by this mail a few copies of a pamphlet I have recently caused to be printed containing "Instructions relative to the transaction of business at the Mint of the United States and its Branches."

It is proper that I should call your attention to the [illegible] paragraph (page 9) of these instructions. The mode therein [illegible] of rendering available the deductions from deposits [illegible] was prescribed at the suggestion of the [illegible] of the [illegible] in order that the amount of appropriations from all sources might appear on the books of the Department.

These regulations will take effect at your Branch of the Mint in the 1st proximo.

Very Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Lt. Caldwell Esq.
Dep't Jr. Mint
Charlotte N.C.

From Sc
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

March 1868

Assay Coms & Reports
February 1868

Mar 10. 1868.

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 3rd March 1858

Sir—

I have the honor to forward my report for the month of February & Package No 2 of assorted Coins with a statement of its contents, & also the monthly statement for the Secretary of the Treasury.

Your pamphlet of "Instructions relative to the transaction of business at the Mint & its branches," was received last week.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

March 10. 8.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 3d inst with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the assay coins of your Branch Mint for the month of February last.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. B. Mint,
Dahlonega.
Ga.

From J. M. Patton Esq
Supt Br. Mint
Dahlonega

Transfer of Funds
to Treasury of U. S.

March 12. 1838.

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 5th March 1858

Sir—

Under instructions from Samuel Casey Esqr. Treasurer of the United States, I have transferred to the Treasury of the United States, by deposit with Assistant Treasurer at Charleston, $1577.$\frac{28}{100}$— the balance to the credit of "Bullion deposit Profit & Loss Acct. 31st Decr. 1857— & $978.$\frac{34}{100}$— the balance to the credit of "Profit & Loss Acct. 31st Decr. 1857.—

Have since together making the sum of $2.555.$\frac{62}{100}$ transferred on the 1st Inst.

I am respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
C. McPatton
Supt. & Treas.

1200
978
2,178

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

To
Sec Treasury

Transmitting Report
Mo Ex. Br Mint
Dahlonga.

Mar 10. 1858.

March 10, 8.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, Dahlonega, Ga. exhibiting the results of the usual monthly examination at that institution on the 27th ult.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

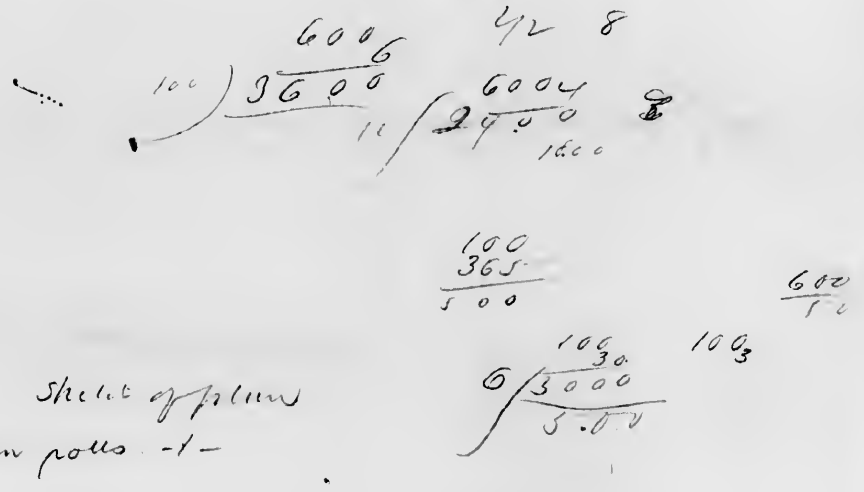
From & To
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

Roles & pain Weight
ordered
Instructions
respecting transfers
to Treasury U. S.

March 24. 1858.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, 185



U.S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 15 March 1858

Sir—

In the pamphlet of Instructions recently received, & particularly in sections 13 & 16 of page 9 — 8 & 10 of page 13 — & 1, 2 & 3 of page 15, the Superintendent is required to issue his warrant. As heretofore there have not been any warrants used at this branch, you will please send me a form of each kind in use at the mint, that I may make mine to correspond.

From the regulation on page 13 — Sect. 8 — it appears that it is the intention that receipts shall pass between the Treasurer, Coiner & Melter & Refiner only quarterly. Heretofore the practice has been for these officers to pass receipts monthly. The M & R would receipt the Treasurer for the bullion delivered to him to be prepared for coinage — & the Treasurer would receipt the M & R for ingots & tops returned. And in the same way the coiner & Treasurer receipted each other. These receipts constituted the basis of the Treasurer's Journal entries & were forwarded with the ap's at the close of the quarter. Is my construction correct?

The direction on page 9 — (in reference to the coinage and parting charges) is that these charges must be placed quarterly to the credit of the Treasurer of the U.S. I suppose this will be done by transferring quarterly these balances to the U.S. Bullion ap. My reason for making this inquiry is that sometime since, when I made a transfer in this way, the Treasurer of the U.S. informed me that I should not have made the transfer to that ap, until a transfer warrant had been issued by the

$1000.—

Charge P. & L. of credit G. Coriage with $1000.— by the bal

Treasury Department.

I enclose a requisition of the Coiner for a pair of new rolls. The last pair obtained, made at Pittsburg, are pronounced by the Machinist to be very hard and excellent rolls - but he says they were not made true on the face - & that he cannot grind them true on the lathe here - which was bought many years since, and seems to be a very imperfect machine.

The strips, when rolled out, have to be put through the draw-bench some many times, & even then they are not regular and of uniform thickness.

The consequence is that there is much more difficulty in adjusting the pieces, than there should be. For the last year I have used extra precaution to see that the coins are within the legal limits. Upon a delivery of coin, I have selected every tenth piece, which I have weighed myself - & if a piece was found to be out of limits, I have required the whole to be re-weighed.

You will please send me a new grain weight & its subdivisions, as the ones we have, have been in use for a long time & may have worn a little.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director &c.

March 24. 8.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 15th inst.

The rolls made at Pittsburg having in several instances proven inaccurate I have ordered those requested by you to be manufactured at Waterbury, Connecticut.

The grain weight and its subdivisions requested will be forwarded to you as soon as they can be made and adjusted.

Section 8. (page 13) of the "Instructions" lately issued prescribes that the various deliveries of bullion, mydes, clippings and coins, made during the quarter, should be summed up at the close thereof, and a warrant made for the same, as if the various daily deliveries of each kind constituted one delivery at the end of the quarter. The receipt of the Officer for the bullion received during the quarter is taken on the back of

the warrant. It appears from your letter that the practice at your Branch of the Mint is to sum up the deliveries of Bullion at the end of each month. There is no objection to this course and you may continue it if you think proper, but you will perhaps find it more convenient to adopt the course pursued at this Mint.

Enclosed I send you forms of warrants covering the items which form the basis of the Treasurer's Bullion accounts. I also send form of warrant for payment of bills for incidental and Contingent expenses.

With respect to the Coinage and seigniorage charges I have to remark that the same will be credited as heretofore, namely, the former to "Bullion Deposit Profit and Loss" and the latter to "Profit and Loss".

The balance to the credit of "Bullion Deposit Profit and Loss", must, in compliance with the act of March 4, 1853, be paid annually into the Treasury of the United States.

It is required that the balance to the credit of "Profit and Loss", shall from time to time be paid into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of

your appropriation for ordinary expenses [redacted] this amount thus transferred, will be subject to your requisitions when required for the support of your institution. In preparing the regulation on this subject it was thought that the most convenient mode to effect this transfer, would be to place the same to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. States, but on a further consideration of the subject I am of opinion that the most feasible plan will be to deposit the amount with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. States at Charleston S.C., taking duplicate receipts therefor, one of which you will enclose to me, that I may apprise the Department of the transfer. You will use your discretion as to how often this transfer shall be made. it may be made quarterly, half-yearly or annually.

You will please understand that the deductions from depositors will not be applicable to the ordinary expenses of your Branch Mint, until they are paid, in the manner above stated, into the Treasury of the U. States.

I may add that the regulation requiring the deductions from depositors to be paid into the Treasury of the U. States, was prescribed at the

suggestion of the Secretary of the Treasury, in order that the appropriations from all sources might appear on the books of the Department.

Very Respectfully,
James Pollock
Director of the Mint

L. M. Dalton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega
Ga

To
Messrs Platt & Johnson
Waterbury
Conn.

Order for Coles
Br Mrs Dahlenger.

Mar. 22. 1888.

March 22. 8

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will manufacture for the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, a one pair of chilled iron rolls, of the dimentions specified in the enclosed drawing. As much inconvenience has been experienced in the use of rolls of this kind from their being irregular and out of karatell, you will please cause those now ordered to be accurately made and of the very best material. When finished, you will ship them to me, that I may have them examined here previous to their being sent to the Branch Mint.

Very Respectfully,

James Rob Snowden

Director of the Mint.

Messrs Blake & Johnson,
Waterbury
Conn.

From To
Messrs Blake & Johnson
Waterbury
Conn.

Respecting rolls
for Mr Mun Dahlonegre

March 24, 1888.

Waterbury March 23d 1868

Col. Jas. Ross Snowden
Director of Mint of U. S.
Dear Sir

Your letter of yesterday containing drawing ~~and~~ order for one pair of chilled iron Rolls is just received. We will execute the order immediately, and ship them as directed with as little delay as possible. We notice in the drawing that there is no corner left between the journals and the face of the rolls, thinking this an oversight in the person who made the drawing, we would be pleased if you would write us whether we shall leave a small corner in them, similar to the steel rolls we sent you a few days ago. The rolls will be much less likely to break

Yours very truly
Blake & Johnson
J. W. Blake Prest

Leave corner between the journals and the face of the rolls. The same as those sent to the Mint

March 24 [illegible]

Gentlemen:

I have received your favor of the 23d inst.

You will please leave a small corner between the journals and the face of the rolls, similar to the steel roll, received from you a short time since.

Yours Respectfully,

J. R. Snowden

Director of the Mint

Messrs [illegible] & Johnson,

[illegible]

Conn.

From Jo
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonegar

April 1858

Reports & Assay
Coins for March 1858.

April 9. 1858.

U.S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 2nd Apl. 1858

Sir—

I have the honor to forward report for the month of March & Package No 3 of assorment coins with a statement of its contents — & also the required statements for the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint.
Philadelphia
Pa

April 9. 8.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 2nd inst. with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the assay coins of your branch Mint for the month of March.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt Br. Mint.
Dahlonega,
Ga.

To Sec Treasury

March Examination Re
Mint Dahlonega. — and
Expenditures of that Re
Mint 1st Qr 1858

April 9. 1858.

April 9. 1858.

Sir

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, Geo. exhibiting the result of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 31st ult. viz. a statement of the expenditures of that Branch Mint during the 1st quarter 1858.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
[illegible]
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To J M Patton Esq
Supt Br Mint
N Dahlonega

Gorham Weight Sent

April 13, 1888.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, April 13. 1858.

Sir.

I send you today by mail the standard grain weights requested in your recent letter.

Very Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

J. M. Patton Esq,
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega,

April 5. 1.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 1st inst with the enclosed Monthly statement and package of assay coins for March.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

G. W. Caldwell Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint.
Charlotte
N.C.

From
Messrs Blake & Johnson
Waterbury
Conn.

Forwarding Rolls
for Br Mint Dahlonegar

April 27. 1838.

Waterbury Conn. April 15th 1858

Jas Ross Snowden
Director of Mint of U.S.

Dear Sir

We send you this day by Rail Road, one pair chilled Iron rolls as per your letter and draft of March 22d. We have packed them carefully and secured the cover to the box with screws, so that you can have them opened for examination without difficulty. We have only coated them with sweet oil for the same reason, and if you should send by any route where they would be likely to get damp we would advise some additional coating on the face of the rolls. The rolls are perfectly true and very hard. They are also made to the drawing as near as possible without gagues for the diameters of bearings. We have now made gagues for these rolls and shall be able to make more exactly the same. We should be pleased to make a pair of Castiel Rolls of the same dimentions, and would warrant them hard and perfect in every respect, for the sum of Eight hundred dollars ($800.00). The only defect in the rolls now sent, is what is called a pin hole, which is in the face of one of the rolls, but it is so very small we think cannot injure it. If it does we will replace it without cost to the Mint

Yours Very truly Blake & Johnson

No. 49 Waterbury April 15 1858

RECEIVED *in good order, for transportation over the* **Naugatuck Rail Road,** *from* W Bury

1 Box said to be 2 Rolls in

Consigned to Mint of the U States

For the Naugatuck Rail Road Company,

W Waterbury for B Soule
ap

Mem.º
to be entered
Gilchrist discharged

April 22, 1858.

ROLLS FOR
DAHLONEGA Ba. MINT

Memorandum to be made
verbal directions given to C.C.
to discharge Gilchrist

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, April 22. 1858.

Gentlemen.

I have shipped this day to your care per schr. "E. W. Gardner" a box containing a pair of rolls directed ~~directed to~~ U. S. Br. Mint Dahlonega, Ga. ~~and marked the same to your care~~. ~~Please forward the same box~~ same to destination which I will thank you to forward to destination

To
Messrs. H. F. Baker & Co
Charleston
S.C.

Sent to their care
pan Rolls for Br
Mont Dahlonega

April 22, 1858.

[illegible]

Gentlemen:

I have shipped this day to your care, per Schr. "E. W. Gardner," a box containing a pair of rolls directed to U. S. Branch Mint, [illegible] will thank you [illegible]

[illegible]

James Ross Snowden,

[illegible] Mint.

From & To
Blake & Johnson
Waterbury
Conn.

Draft for rolls for
Br Mint Dahlonega

Will be paid on
presentation.

May 18, 1838

10.

Waterbury Conn May 3d 1858

Col James Ross Snowden
Director of Mint of U. S.

Dear Sir

If the Chilled Iron rolls we sent you as pr our letter, and bills in duplicate. of April 15th have been recieved, and approved, you will oblige us by remitting the amount by Adams & Col Express at your Convenience

Yours very truly
Blake & Johnson
J. P. Blake Prest

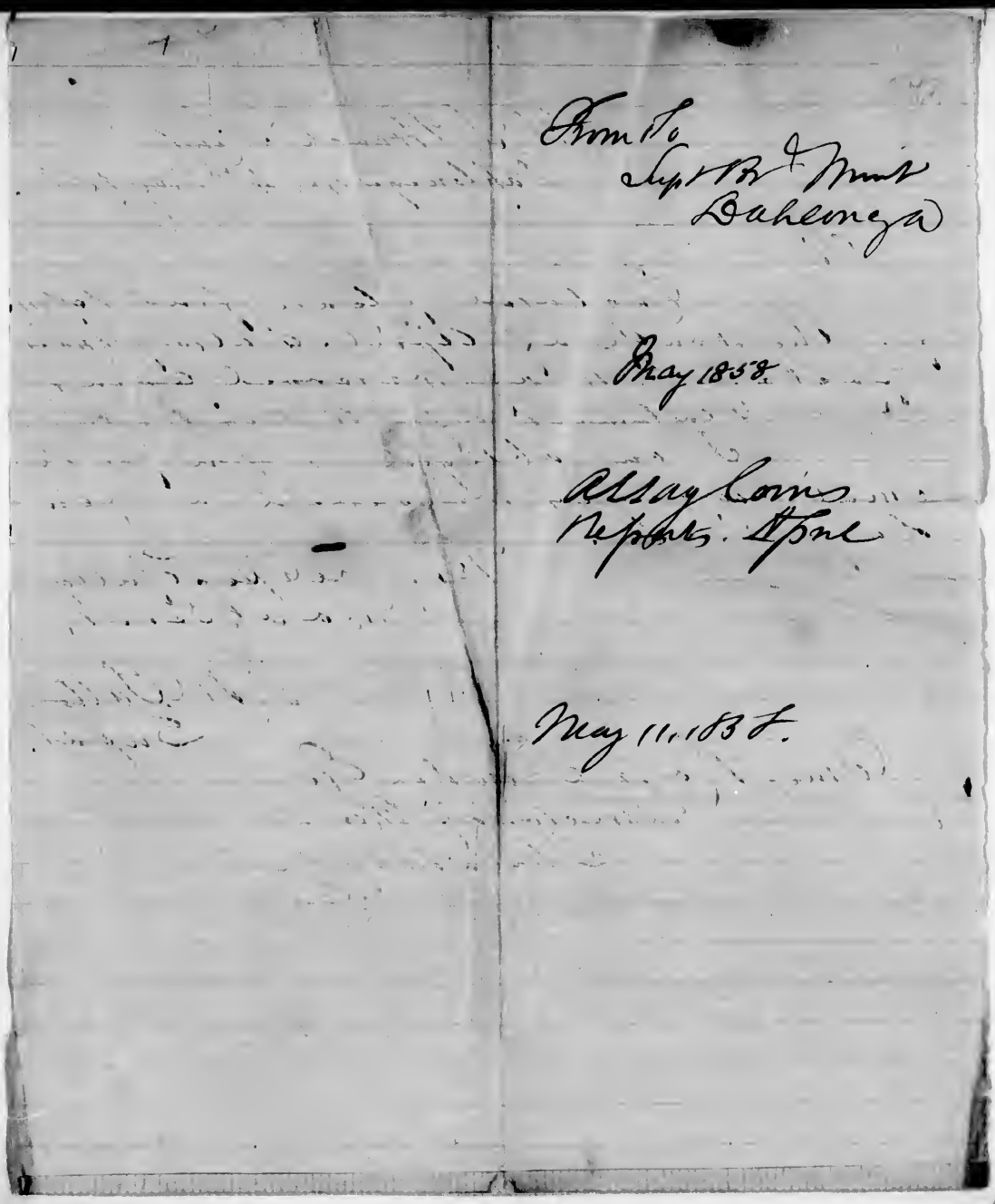
May 18 8.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 3d inst I have to state that your sight draft on me for amount of bill (six $100) for chilled iron rolls, furnished the Branch Mint Dahlonega will be paid on presentation.

I am very Respectfully
Jacob Rose Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Messrs Blake & Johnson,
Waterbury,
Conn.



From To
Supt Br. Mint
Dahlonega

May 1858

Assay Coins
Reports. April

May 11, 1858.

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 4th May 1858

Sir—

Enclosed please find report for the month of April. I also forward Package No 4 of reserved coins & a statement of its contents.

I am obliged to you for the small weights received a few days since.

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

James Robertson
Trader of the Hut

From
Capt Br Muir
Lahloneya

orders articles

June 4 1868

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 27th May 1858

James Ross Snowden Esqr.

Sir — You will please have the following articles forwarded for the use of this Branch — to wit:

12 Carboys Nitric Acid
1 do. Sulphuric do.
60 Nests German Crucibles
12 Blk. Lead Pots No 30.
1 Barrel Fire-clay
4 Heavy Cedar Buckets — iron-bound to hold 4 or 5 gallons.

All to the care of H. L. Chisolm Charleston S. Ca.

You will please call in the bills for these things and also the Rolls recently forwarded & cause them to be sent to me so that I may present them in my account at the close of the present quarter.

I would like to know what the sweeps forwarded last year are worth.

Very respectfully Yours — J. M. Patton
Supdt.

June 8 8.

[illegible]

[illegible]

You will please make for the Branch Mint Lahlonga 2 copper siphons one inch in diameter — long end 2 feet 4 inches the other 2 feet and 2 inches. — When finished please send them to Mor. Phillips Fort Street below Arch. —

Respectfully,
H. E. Linderman
Director's Clerk

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte Ga. 28th May 1838

James Rees Snowden Esqr.
Sir –

You will please cause to be forwarded with the things asked for Yesterday 2 Copper Siphons one inch in diameter – One long and 2 ft. 4 inches the other 2 ft + 2 inches. They can be put, I suppose, in the barrel of fire-clay.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

From To
Supt U. S. Br Mint
Dahlonega

Assay coins &
Reports for
May 1838. —

June 8. 1838. —

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 2nd June 1858

Sir –

I have the honor to forward report for the months of May – & also Package No 5 of Returned Coin with a statement of its contents.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

No 5
Reserved Coins
at
Br. Mint Dahlonega
for
May 1858.

U. S. Branch Mint,
Dahlonega Ga. 2nd June 1858.

Statement of the contents of Package
No 5 of Reserved Coins - it being for
the month of May just closed -
to wit:

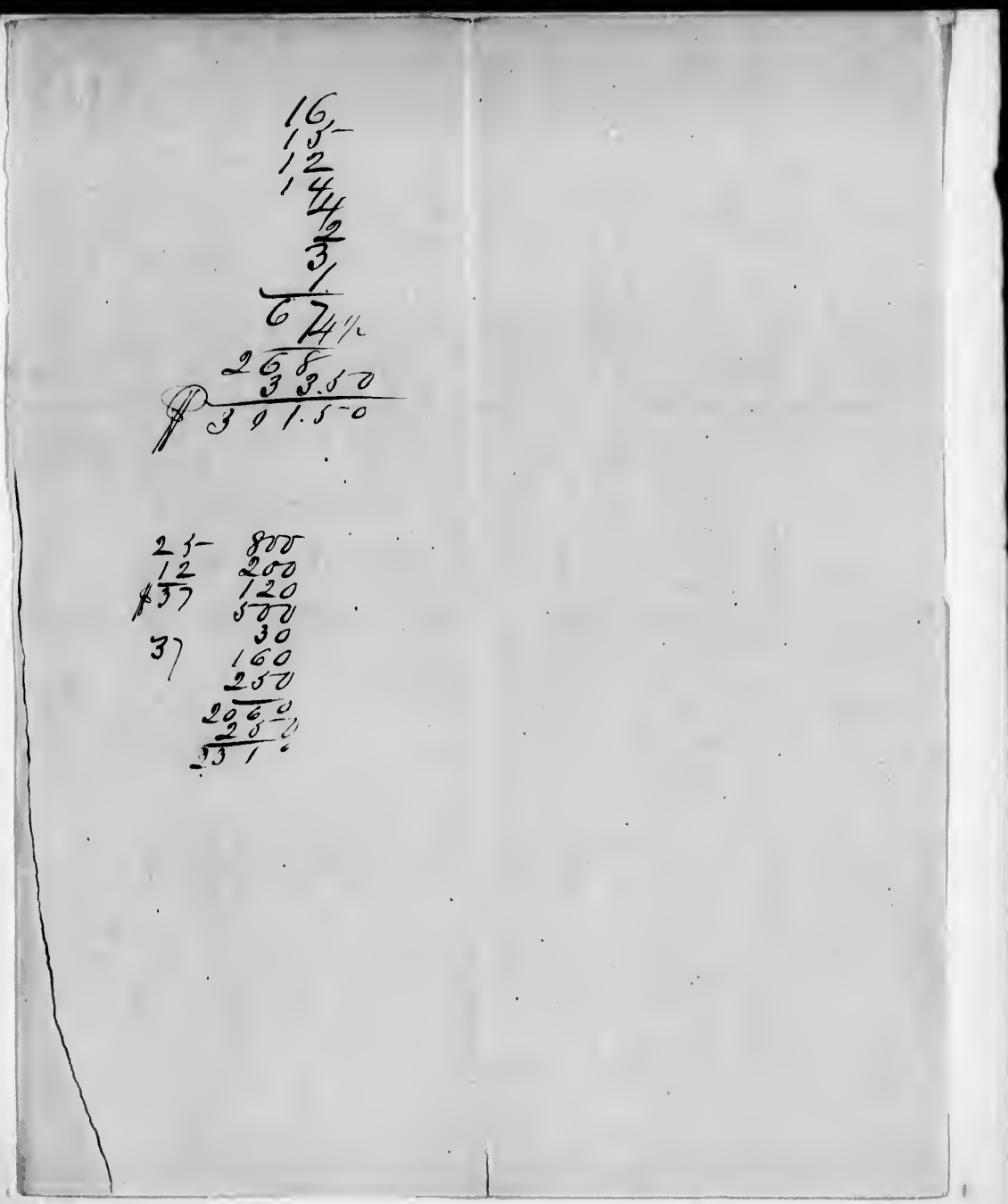
One Half Eagle ——— $5.00

J. M. Patton
Supt. & Treas.

To
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

In relation to
Sum p & Shipped
to Mint last
Year

June 9. 1838



June 9th 8.

Sir

Referring to the enquiry contained in your letter of the 27th ult. respecting the last lot of Bbls of wraps received from your branch Mint I have to state that the same has been sold and I expect the purchaser to care for them in a few days

[illegible] wraps not about [illegible]

Mint Assay $37.50 per cell

Same [illegible] $ [illegible]

Sold for the same (accepted) 30.50 per cell

Breakle Yield $ [illegible].23

As soon as the wraps are taken away I will advise you of their exact weight and value.

Respectfully,

Samuel Roy Snowden.
Director of the Mint

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt Br. Mint
Lancaster

From &c Supt: at Rahlonega:

25 June, '58.

Recreach in appropriation for year 1858-'59.
Terms of Receipts & warrants for the Payment of Deposits.

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 18th June 1858

Sir -

By the appropriation act lately published, I notice that the amount appropriated for this establishment is $6.500 - less by the sum of $4.380 than the Estimate submitted.

There is a considerable balance of the funds heretofore appropriated for incidental and contingent expenses undrawn, & I suppose the intention is that the Secretary of the Treasury will from this undrawn balance supply any deficiency of the present appropriation. A few days since I received my blank warrants - (having been compelled to get them printed in Augusta)

It seems to me that in the use of warrants, it will be necessary to make a change in the receipt which is given to the depositor when he makes a deposit - or rather in the receipts taken from him, when the deposit is paid to him. I send you the form of receipt I found in use

Here, which I suppose has been used from the beginning.

When making up my report to the Department at the close of the quarter the last receipt (or order rather) is detached at the red line & placed on file here, the other portion is sent on as the Treasurer's voucher.

My inquiry is this – Is it necessary in addition to this receipt, to take the depositor's receipt on the warrant also?

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt

C. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

June 25, 8.

Sir,

Your letter of 18th inst. has been received. In reference to the difference between the Amounts estimated and appropriated for your branch, I have to state that the balances of appropriations heretofore made and undrawn were deducted from the amounts estimated as required for the next fiscal year. When required therefore you will draw upon the Department as if the usual sums had been appropriated for your institution.

The forms of receipts in use at your branch and copies of which you enclosed in your letter, are not such as are in use at the Mint or the other branches. Herewith I send you forms of Warrant for payment of Gold deposited and of receipts to & from the depositor which have been adopted for the Mint. Your institution will hereafter conform to them.

I am very respectfully &c.

James Roß Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Dr. Patton, Esq.
Supt. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga.

UNITED STATES BRANCH MINT,

Dahlonega, Ga., ... 185 .

Received from ..... **Gold Bullion,** for

Coinage, weighing before melting, ... 100 Ounces,

100 **Ozs.** **Treasurer.**

The above deposit is hereby assigned to ..... or order.

Depositor

Received, this ..... day of ..... 185 , from

JULIUS M. PATTON, Treasurer of the United States Branch Mint,

Dahlonega .....

..... 100 Dollars, the value of the above Deposit, per

Assayer's Report No .....

To the Treasurer of the United States Branch Mint,

DAHLONEGA.

Pay to the order of .....

the **Gold Coin,** which is due for a Deposit of **Gold Bullion,** made by the undersigned, on the ..... 185 , as per

Mint Receipt No. .....

Depositor.

From To
J M Patton Esq
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

Assay Coins & Reports
June 1838 - rec'd & ack
Blanks ordered

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

July 13, 1838

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 3rd July 1858

Sir —

I have the honor to forward my report for the year ending 30 June 1858 — Statement for the month of June & the required statements for the Secretary of the Treasury — also Package No 6 of Reserved Coins with a statement of its contents.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

July 10 1835.

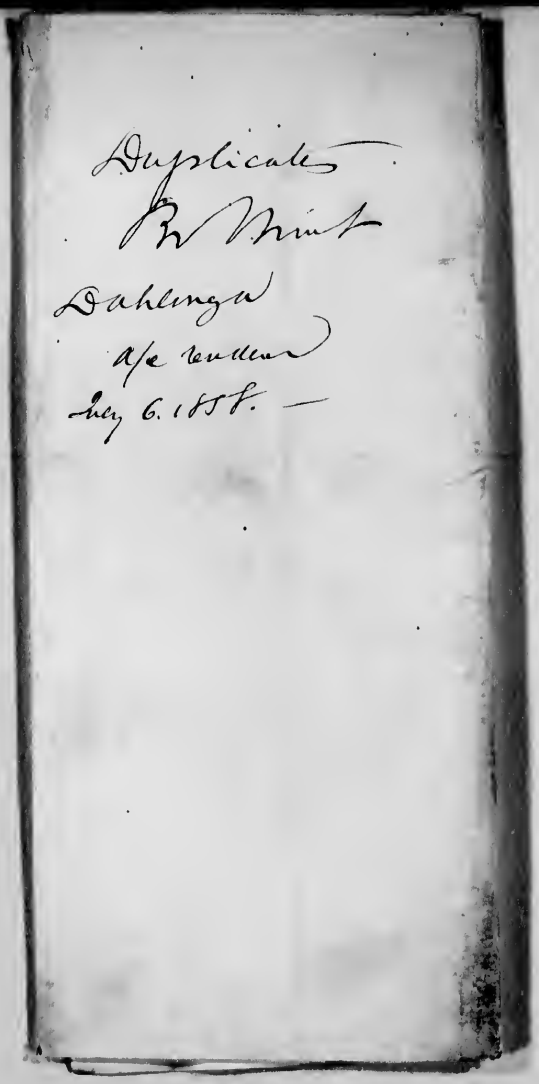
Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d and 8th inst with the enclosures stated, also a package containing the assay coins of your branch Mint for the month of June last.

Your order for printed blanks will receive early attention.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt Br. Mint,
Dahlonega,
Ga.



Duplicates
Br Mint
Dahlonga
a/c rendered
July 6. 1858. —

B Mifflin
$3.75
Dec 29, 1857

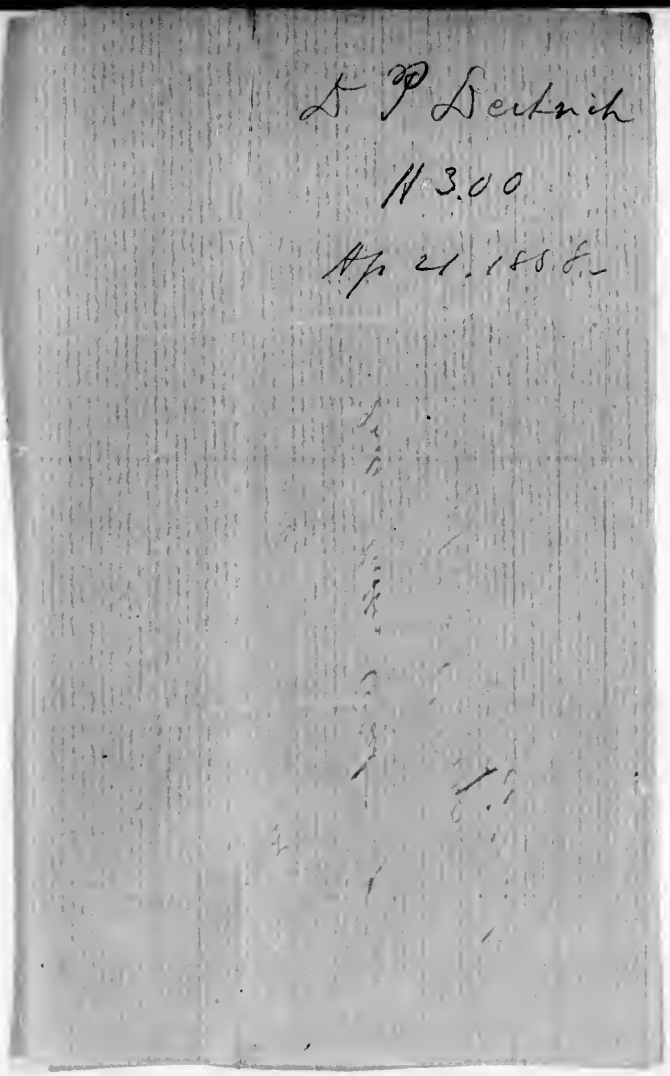
Phila. Dec 1. 1857.

Mint of the United States
To B. H. Mifflin Dr.
To Printing, Paper, ruling & Binding
1 Book, "Apager's Register" for Dalonega $3.75

Received of James Ross Snowden Esq
Director the above bill

B. H. Mifflin

Duplicate


L P Deitrich
$3.00
Ap 21. 1888

Phil^a April 21st 1858

The U S Branch Mint Dahlonega
Bought of D. P. Dieterich

3 Yds India Rubber Cloth $3.00

Rec^d Pay
D. P. Dieterich

Duplicate

Dahlonege Mint
$7.00

Mr Dellicker
will please
pay
N R [illegible]

GEO. MEGEE & SON
No's 9 & 11 Branch St., Phila.,
MANUFACTURE TO ORDER
Every kind of Still or Vessel
Required by
Grain, Turpentine & other Distillers,
SUGAR REFINERS, BREWERS, &C.
ALSO,
Bath Boilers and Heaters, Dying Kettles,
Mineral Water Fountains,
Copper Work for Steam
Engines, Factories, &c. &c.

Philadelphia July 1st 1858

At Dahlonega Branch Mint

To GEO. MEGEE & ~~CO.~~ Son, Dr.,

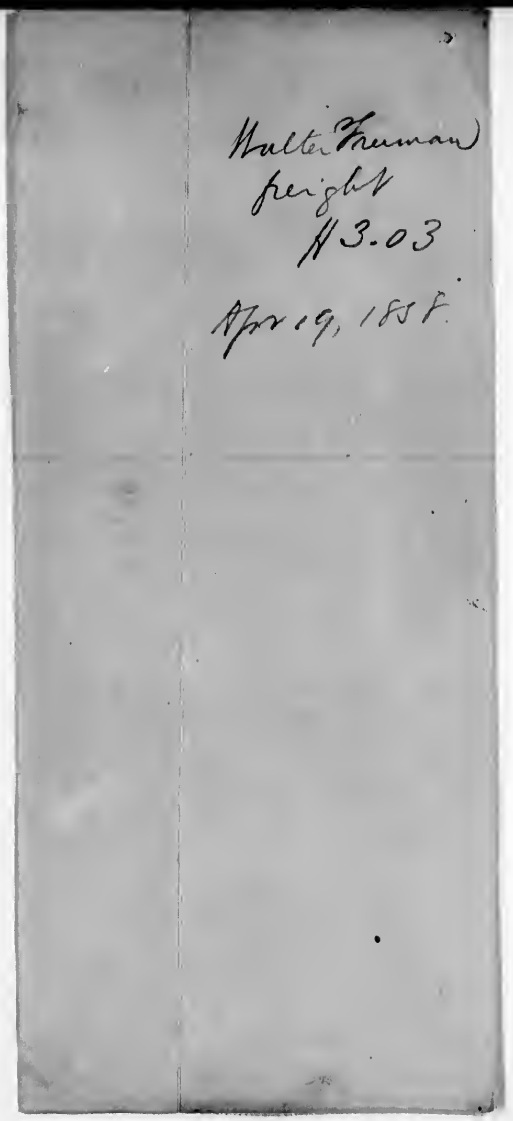
Nos. 9 & 11 Branch Street,

above Third, between Race and Vine.

GEORGE MEGEE
~~[illegible]~~
J. H. Megee

June 18 2 Copper Syphons $3.50 7

Rec'd Payment
George Megee & Son


Walter Freeman
freight
#3.03
Apr. 9, 1884

WALTER FREEMAN, Agent.
OFFICE, No. 208 SOUTH DELAWARE AVENUE.

Mint of U.S. Philadelphia, 13 Apl 1858.
for Branch Mint Dahlonega

To CAMDEN & AMBOY RAILROAD & TRANS. CO. Dr.

For Freight from New York, 1 Case 345 110
Ft 143
2.53
Dup 50
3.03

Duplicate

Correct
Charles S Lincoln Asst Chief Owner

Received Payment for the Company
Walter Freeman Agt

PAYABLE IN BANKABLE FUNDS.

Blake & Johnson
$100 —

May 25, 1858 —

BLAKE & JOHNSON,
MANUFACTURERS OF
BRASS & IRON RIVETS,
FOR
PORTE-MONNAIS,
And other purposes.
HAIR PINS, &c. &c.
ALSO,
Builders of Machinery,
From Drawings or Models, when requested, in Strict Confidence.

Waterbury, Conn. April 15th 1858

M. United States Mint Dahlonega
for Branch Mint

To BLAKE & JOHNSON, Dr.

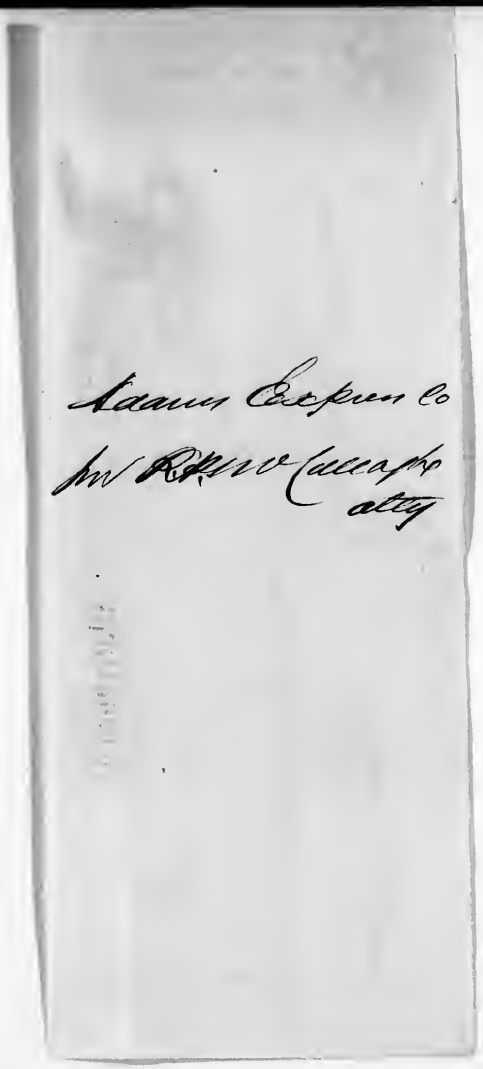
MANUFACTURERS OF

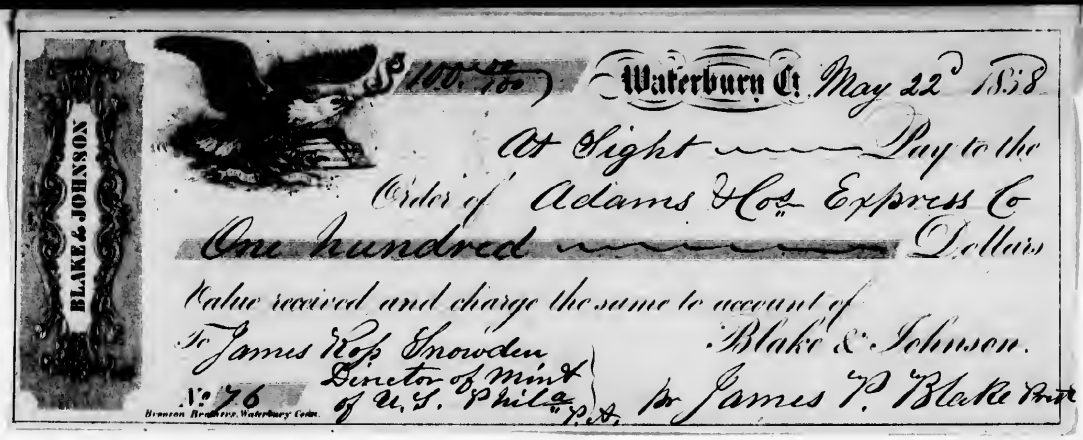
HARDENED CAST STEEL ROLLS,

OF ANY SIZE OR FORM, FOR ROLLING GOLD AND SILVER.

To 1 Pair Chilled Iron Rolls to Draft $100.00

Rec'd Payment
Blake & Johnson
J. W. Blake Prest.




BLAKE & JOHNSON
$100.00/100
Waterbury Ct. May 22d 1858
At Sight Pay to the
Order of Adams & Co's Express Co
One hundred Dollars
Value received and charge the same to account of
Blake & Johnson.
To James Ross Snowden
Director of Mint
of U.S. Phila. P.A.
No 76
Bronson Brothers, Waterbury Conn.
Pr James P. Blake Prest

Mrs Phillips

#193.88

June 15, 1838

ARAMINGO CHEMICAL WORKS.

Philadelphia, June 18th 1858.

United States Mint, Dahlonega. Ga.

To **MORO PHILLIPS,** Dr.

Terms.

Manufacturer of

Oil of Vitriol, Aqua Fortis, Nitric and Muriatic Acids, Copperas, Blue Vitriol, Nitrate of Lead.

June 11.	1 Cask Extra size Sand Crucibles				
	61 nest	@ 75c	45 75		
	Cartage		38		
				46 13	
June 16	12 Nr 30 Black Lead Crucibles	360 @ 4c	14 40		
	Fierce & Cartage		1 38		
	2 Cedar Buckets	@ 75c	1 50		
				17 28	
June 18	12 Carboys Nitric Acid	1390 lb @ 7½c	104 25		
	1 Carboy Oil of Vitriol	155 lb @ 2c	3 10		
	13 Carboys & Caps		21 12		
	2 Cedar Buckets	@ 75c	1 50		
	1 Bbl Clay		2 00		
	1 Box for Syphons		50		
				132 47	
				$193 88	

Rec'd Payment

Moro Phillips

To,
J M Patton Esq
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

Statement of a/c
enclosed.—
Report of sale of
Sheepsk.—
July 1858

July 6. 1858.—

July 6. 8

Sir,

I present herewith a statement of account current to date and enclose vouchers nos. 167) for the items charged therein. The account exhibits a balance of $132.17, to your credit.

You will also find enclosed a statement of the sale of 4 Bbls sump per ap of Your Br. Mint. The proceeds arising therefrom, viz. $542.70, will be held subject to your order.

I am very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint.
Dahlonega,
Ga.

Dr. The Treasurer of the Branch Mint [illegible]

			Dollars
1857 Nov	16	By Balance	210 [illegible]
1858 Mar	8	By Immas Assay Coins 1857	235 [illegible]

445 [illegible]

July 6. 1858 Balance to Cr. of $182.17

James [illegible]

Director of the Mint

[illegible] account with Director U. S. Mint Dr.

			Dollars Cts.
[illegible]	29	For this amount paid B. F. Miflin	3 75
[illegible]	20	For this amt paid H. Freeman	3 03
"	21	For this amt. paid D. P. Doitrick	3 00
"	27	For this Amount paid John Gilfillan	1 00
May	25	For this Amt. paid Blake & Shaw	100 00
June	18	For this Amt. paid Mon Phillips	195 88
July	6	For this Amt. paid Geo Megee 86	7 00
			445 83

From
Supt Br. Mint
Dahlonega

Transfer of Balance
to credit of Bullion
Deposit Profit & Loss &
Profit & Loss to Treasury
U.S.
$345.22

July 20. 1858.

U.S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 13th July 1858

Sir —

Enclosed please find certificates of the Asst. Treasurer of the U.S. at Charleston for $345.22/100 paid by me into the Treasury of the United States on account of the balances on the 30th ult. standing to the credit of "Bullion deposit Profit & Loss" Ac. & "Profit & Loss Ac."

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.,
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

From
J M Patton Esq
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

Ack. receipt of
A/c Current. —
agreement with
his A/c.

Cr. for surps.

July 27. 1838.

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 20th July 1858

Sir —

Your favor of the 6th Inst. Enclosing bills for purchases made for this Branch & account current, has been received.

The balance $132.07/100 agrees with my account.

You will please place the amount arising from the sale of 4 Bbls. Sweep, ($542.70/100) to my credit.

The Melter & Refiner was credited upon the return with the estimated value.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint,
Philadelphia
Pa.

319.93
125

From
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

Assay Coins
& Reports July 1858

August 1858

Aug 9. 1858

U. S. Br. Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 2nd Aug. 58

Sir —

Enclosed you will please find report for the month of July & statement of Reserved Coins, package No 7 of which is also forwarded.

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Aug. 9th 8.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 2nd inst. with the enclosure stated, also, a package containing the assay coins of your branch Mint for the month of July last.

I am very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

J. L. Patton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint.
Dahlonega.
Geo.

To
J. M. Patton Esq
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

Sending Blank
Books by Express

Aug 14. 1838. –

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Aug 14, 1858.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 10th

Aug 14. 5

Sir,

I send you to-day per Adams Express Co. the blank books ("Register of Warrants for the payment of deposits" and "Mint receipts") ordered some time since.

Very Respectfully,
James Rep Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt Br. Mint,
Dahlonega
Ga.

Forwd To
L. M. Patton Esq
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega
1st Sept.

September 1858

Assay Coins &
Reports for August
1858. —

Sept 8. 1858

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 1st Sept. 1858

Sir—

I have the honor to forward Report of receipts & Coinage for the month of August just closed—& also Package No 8 of Reserved Coins, with a statement of its contents.

I sent the barrels (Mint Sacks), the returns of 1857, to the Rail Road last week to be forwarded to you, but have not yet received the bill of lading.—

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt. & Treas.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Sept. 8. 8.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the assay coins of your branch mint for the month of August last.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

V. M. Patton Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
Dahlonega,
Goa.

Reserved Coins

from

Br. Mint Carlsruhe

for

August 1858

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 1st Sept. 1858

Statement of the coins reserved at this Branch Mint during the month of August just passed for the annual assay trial to be held at the Mint in Philadelphia, & contained in Package No 8 — to wit:

Melt 8 —	one Half Eagle	$5.00
Do — 9 —	one Gold dollar	" 1.00
		$6.00

J. McPatton
Supdt. & Tr.

From
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega Ga

Annual Estimates
Presented

also Requisition
for dies for 1839.

Sept 15. 1838.

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 7th Sept. 1858

Sir —

Enclosed you will please find "an estimate of the appropriations required for the support of this institution for the fiscal year ending 30th June 1860," as requested by yours of the 20th ult.

I also enclose Bill of lading for 2 barrels mint sweeps recently forwarded.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supt.

To, James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

P. S. You will please have prepared for this Branch for the year 1859 - the following dies —

2 Half Eagle dies — heads — } a sufficiency
2 Quarter do — do } of reverses on hand —
2 Gold dollar reverses

Ex. Sept. 15. 1858

From To
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonga

Reports & Assay
Coins for September
October 1858

Oct. 3. 1858

Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga. 4th Oct. 1858

Sir -

I have the honor to forward my report for the month of September, also Package No 9 of reserved coins - with a statement of its contents - and the required reports for the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
J. M. Dallon
Supt.

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

P. S. You will please cause to be forwarded for the use of the Assayer
2 Boxes Crucibles
(4) 2 dozen Assayer's matrasses.

Mem'd. by C B H

Oct. 10. 1.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst with the endorsements stated also, package No. 9 of [illegible] [illegible].

The articles requested for the the Assayer will be forwarded in due time.

Very Respectfully,
[illegible]
Director of the Mint.

J. M. Pallon Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint.
Dahlonega,
Ga.

To
See Treasury

Transmitting Report
from Dr Mont
Dahlonega

Oct 11, 1888

Oct. 11, 8.

Sir,

I herewith transmit a report from the superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, Geo. exhibiting the results of the annual monthly examination at that institution on the 30th ult. also, a statement showing the expenditures of that branch Mint during the quarter ending on that day.

I have the honorable,
With great respect,
Your most ob. servt,
[illegible]
Director of the Mint

Hon. Mahlon Dickerson,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

From Sd
Supt Br Mint.
Dahlonega

Assay Coms Reports.

October

November 1858

Nov 13. 1858

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 5th Nov. 1858

Sir—

I have the honor to forward report of receipts of bullion and of coinage executed for the month of October, & also Package No. 10 of reserved Coins and a statement of its contents.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Superintendt.

To,
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Nov 5. 8.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. with the enclosure stated, also a package containing the assorted coins of your branch mint for the month of October last.

Very Respectfully,
J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega
Ga.

No. 10.
Reserved Coins
at
Br. Mint Gahloneys
for
October 1858.

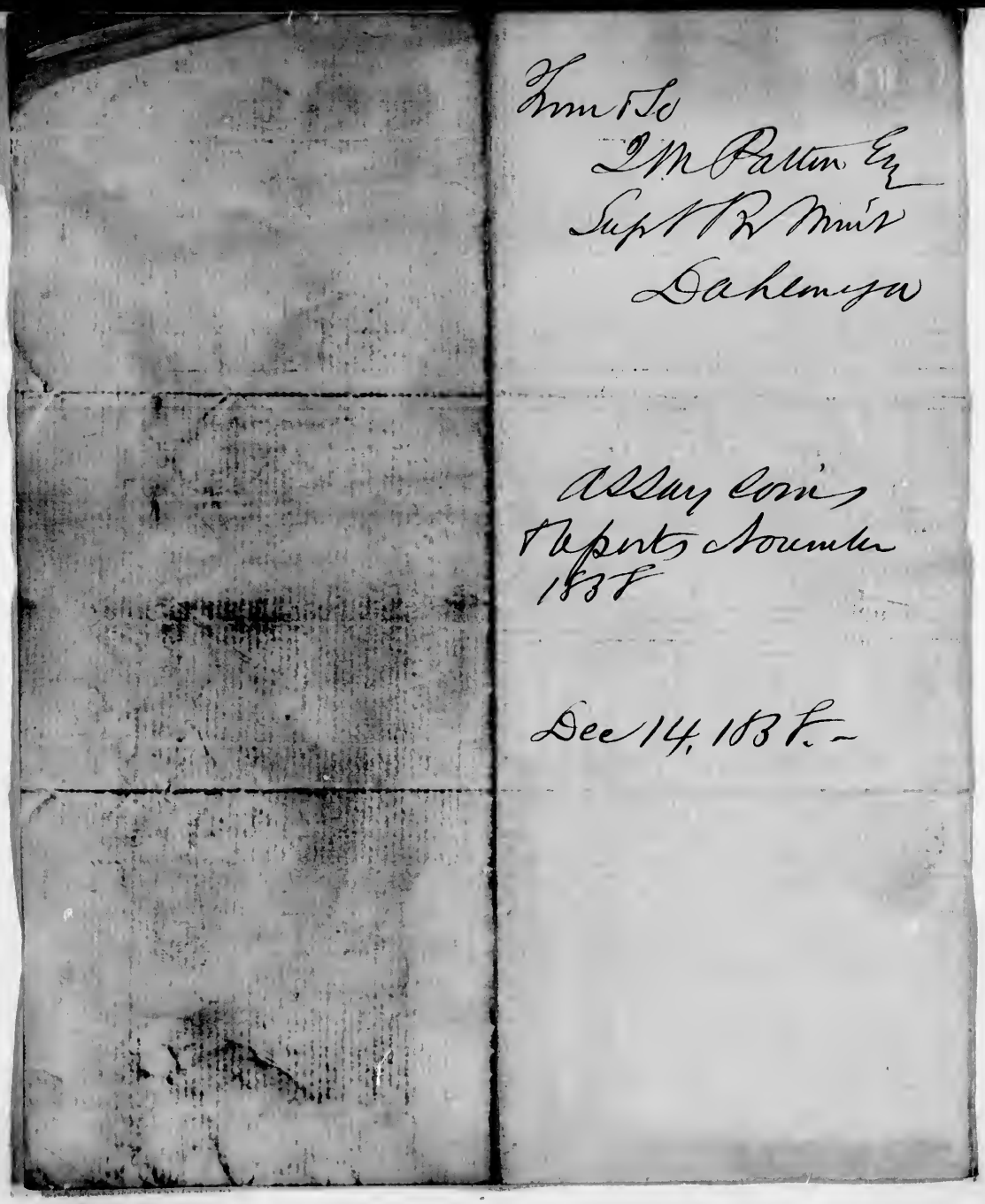
U.S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 1st Nov. 1858

Statement shewing the number, denomination and value of the coins reserved at this Branch Mint, during the month of October just passed, for the annual assay trials, to wit:

Melt 11 — One Half Eagle — $5.00

J. M. Patton
Supdt. & Treas.

To,
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.



From & To
J M Patton Esq
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

Assay Coins
& Reports November
1838

Dec 14, 1838.–

U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 2nd Dec.r 1858

Sir –

I have the honor to forward a report of the receipts of bullion and of Coinage for the month of November and also Package No 11 of reserved coins with a statement of its contents.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J. M. Patton
Supdt.

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of Mint,
Philadelphia
Pa.

Dec 13 [illegible]

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. with the enclosures stated, also, package No. 11 of reserved coins.

Very Respectfully,

[illegible]

Director of the Mint

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt Br. Mint,
Dahlonega.
Ga.

To
Capt Br Mint
Lahlmegn

Forwarding Capsel

Decb. 1858

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Dec 6, 1858.

Sir,

I this day forward to your address per Adams Express Co. a box containing the Returns Accounts of the Branch Mint San Francisco for the 3d Qr 1858.—

Dec 6. 8.

Sir,

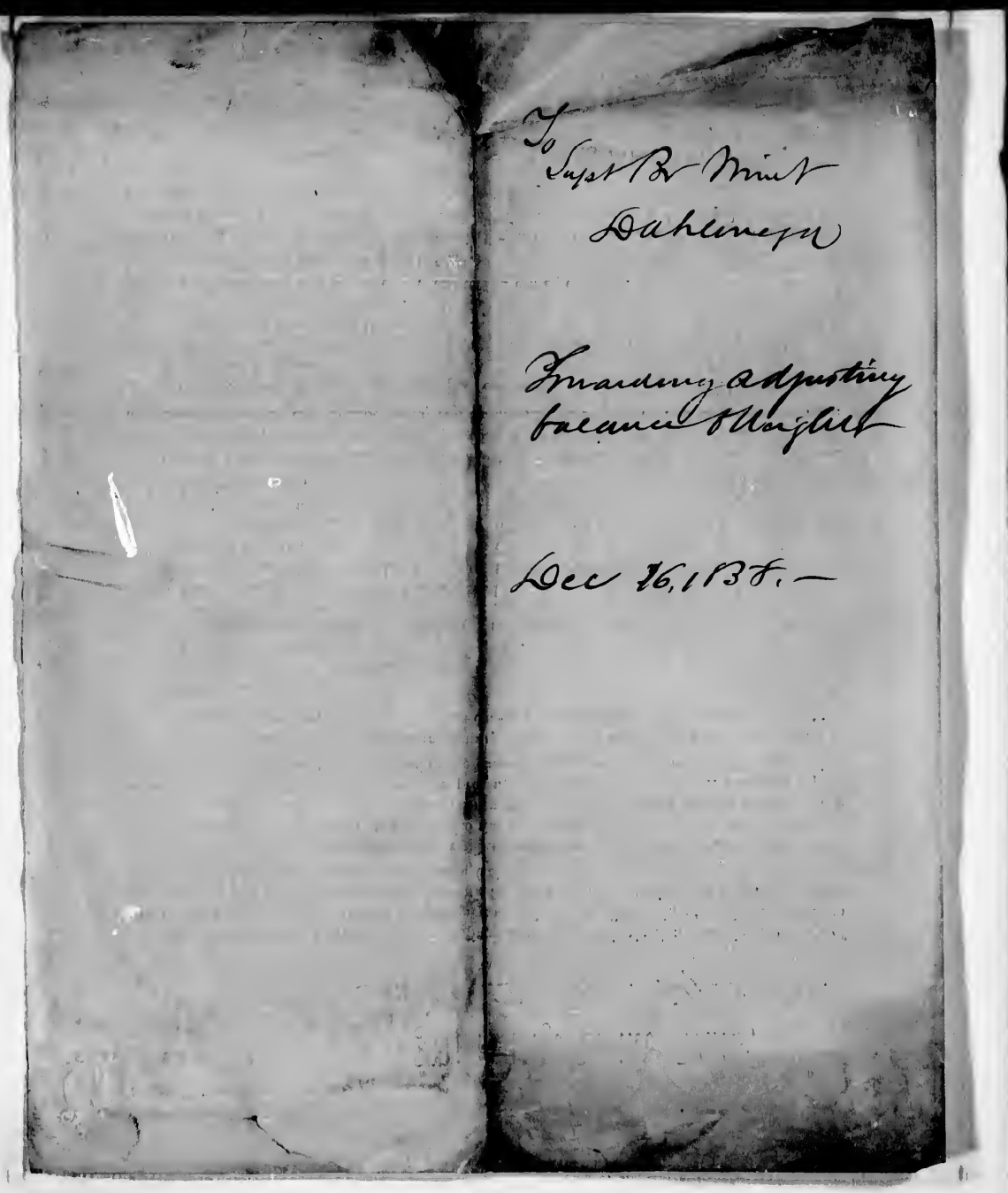
I forward to your address to-day per Adams Express Co. two boxes of cupels for the use of your branch Mint.

Yours Respectfully,

[illegible]

Director of the Mint.

J. M. Patton Esq.
Supt Br. Mint,
Dahlonega.
Ga.



To
Supt Br Mint
Dahlonega

Forwarding adjusting
balance of Weight

Dec 26, 1838.—

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 23, 1855.

The Director of the Mint gives notice, in pursuance of an authorization from the Secretary of the Treasury, and in consequence of the present accumulation of silver coin at the Mint, that from and after the first day of August next, and until further notice, the purchases of Silver for coinage will be paid for in Silver coins only, and not in Gold.

The Silver offered for purchase will be weighed, melted and assayed, as usual, and the standard weight determined therefrom, in ounces troy, to the hundreth part of the ounce; and will be paid for (as at present) at the rate of one dollar twenty-two and a-half cents per standard ounce. The receipt given at the first weighing must be presented by the seller or his order, and usually payment may be expected on the day following the date of receipt, or the second day following.

For the information of bullion dealers, country banks, &c., it may be stated, that according to the above rate of purchase, the yield of various classes of coin or bullion will be about as follows:

Five-franc pieces,	99 cents each.
Mexican and South American dollars,	106¼ "
Old Spanish dollars,	105 "
Revolutionary or "hammered" dollars, (often mistaken for the true Spanish dollar,)	101 "
Half-dollars of the U. S. coined before 1837,	52½ "
The same since 1837 to the last change of standard in 1853,	52½ "
Spanish quarters,	23½ "
" eighths,	10 9-10 "
" sixteenths,	5⅛ "
Mexican quarters,	25 4-10 "

Quarter dollars are proportionally less productive of premium, while dimes and half-dimes, coined before 1837, have lost rather more by wear, on an average, than the premium would make up; those coined since 1837 to 1853, will average a premium of 3½ per cent. on their nominal value.

German, Swedish, Danish and Norwegian crowns,	111 cents each.
Old French crowns	114 "
German florins,	41½ "
Prussian and Hanoverian thalers	72 "

Fine silver 136 cents per ounce.

American plate, best manufacture, 120 to 122 cents per ounce.

Genuine British plate, 125 cents per ounce.

At San Francisco the purchases may be paid for in *Gold* or *Silver*, at the option of the Superintendent thereat, until a sufficient supply of silver bullion is received to meet the public demand for silver coin at that Institution.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 16th 8.

Sir,

In consequence of a conversation I had with Mr. Mason of your branch mint I have deemed it proper to send you an adjusting balance and set of weights. As these have been most carefully adjusted by and compared with our standards it might be well to keep them as standards for those in daily use.

I send the balance and weights to you by Express with directions to carry them carefully, and I hope they will reach in good order.

I am, very Respectfully
Your Obt. servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

J. M. Patton Esqr.
Supt. Branch Mint.
Dahlonega.
Georgia.

Report of Sept. 19, 1865
re Charlotte and
Dahlonega Mints

Professor Booth,
Melter & Refiner

to Director

See Phila. General Correspondence,
Sept. - Dec 1865
(Box 105)

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Treasy Dept.
Washington D.C
July 6. 1887

James P. Kimball
Director.

Requests a statement
of the coinage of U. S. Mint
at Dahlonega. by denomina-
tion of pieces for Calendar
years 1857. 1858. 1859. 1860. 1861.
With enclosed statement.

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U.S. MINT, PHILA.

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D C., July 6th, 1887.

Sir:

I will thank you to ascertain whether the records of your mint show the coinage of the mint of the United States at Dahlonega by denomination of pieces for the calendar years 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860 and part of 1861, so long as it was open. If so, I will thank you to have the same drawn off by calendar years, and by denomination of pieces, in value only, and forward to this Bureau.

Very respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

July 11th, 1887.

Daniel M. Fox.

Superintendent.

Statement of the Coinage from Dahlonega Mint for the Calendar years. 1858. 1859. 1860. 1861.

No. of Enclosures,

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

July 11th, 1887.

Coinage executed at Mint of the U. S. at Dahlonega, as appears from reports on file at U. S. Mint. Phila.

	Half Eagles.	Quarter Eagles.	Dollars.
1858	$38.410		$3.477
1859	56.195	$4.005	4.952

Certified by J. M. Patton. Supt.

	Half Eagles.	Dollars
1860	$51.895	$1.566
1861	7.985	

Certified by Geo. Kellogg, Supt.

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